

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

# Fire Safety for Care Homes



Our Fire Safety for Care Homes e-learning course teaches you how to implement and maintain suitable fire safety arrangements in residential care settings. Safety measures are essential for preventing fires in your care home and ensuring vulnerable residents can evacuate safely.

The course looks at which type of residents may be vulnerable in care homes, how to carry out a fire risk assessment, how to minimise fire risks, and what accommodations you should put in place to ensure everyone can quickly and safely evacuate care homes, with or without assistance.

### **Module One: Introduction to Fire Safety**

The introductory module provides an overview of why fire safety is crucial in care homes. It explains which type of residents in care settings may be at risk and what the law requires you to do to uphold fire safety.

- Why is fire safety important in residential care?
- Fire safety law
- Employer duties

### **Module Two: Fire Safety Responsibilities**

The second module looks at what a fire needs to start, and gives the learner a basic understanding of what people in care homes must do to prevent them. It primarily looks at how to carry out a fire risk assessment, which enables care homes to address fire safety hazards and identify what arrangements they need to support residents.

- The fire triangle
- Types of fire
- Fire risk assessments
- Step one: identify the hazards
- Step two: determine who is at risk
- Step three: decide what precautions you need
- Step four: record your findings
- Step five: review and update
- Fire wardens
- Staff duties

### **Module Three: Fire Safety Arrangements**

In module three, you learn about the various safety arrangements that prevent fires from starting in a care home. It also covers fire detection systems and general evacuation facilities that all care homes must have in place.

- Good housekeeping
- Laundry
- Cooking areas
- Safe storage
- Hazardous substances
- Medical oxygen
- Hazard labelling and packaging
- Safety data sheets
- Equipment and electrical safety
- Duties of manufacturers and suppliers of machines
- Duties of manufacturers, importers, and distributors of electrical equipment
- Gas safety
- Fire-resistant materials
- Fire detection
- Emergency routes and exits
- Fire safety signs
- Emergency lighting
- Fire extinguishers
- Training

### **Module Four: Fire Evacuation Procedures**

Module four provides an in-depth look at the evacuation procedures care homes must have in place to enable vulnerable residents to evacuate safely. It explains what aspects you should consider when creating your evacuation strategy, how to create personal emergency evacuation plans, and the importance of fire drills.

- Emergency plans
- Evacuation arrangements
- Personal emergency evacuation plans
- Fire drills

## Aims of the training

By the end of this course, you will:

- Understand why fire safety is important in residential care settings.
- Recognise what types of residents in care homes may be at significant risk.
- Know how to comply with fire safety law.
- Understand how fires start and how to prevent them.
- Know how to carry out a fire risk assessment.
- Understand the fire safety responsibilities of everyone in a care home.
- Recognise the various fire safety arrangements that care homes should implement.
- Understand which fire evacuation procedures care homes may need to ensure residents can evacuate safely.
- Know how to create personal emergency evacuation plans and carry out fire drills.