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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION AND HOW IT MAY AFFECT YOU

From 1 October 2006, The Fire Precaution Act 1971 and the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 as amended have been replaced by **The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**.

The Regulaory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 requires that **a full plan application must be submitted** for Shops, offices, factories, hotels, boarding houses and for residential premises containing common areas.

This means that from 1 October 2006, if you are proposing to convert a house into flats, creating a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) or building a new block of flats then you cannot do this work under a Building Notice, a Full Plan Application must be made.