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# Is your contractor compliant?

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# Question

**Would you allow a dentist to perform required heart surgery?**

- Medical professional, multiple years of experience, training and certification

Trained and certificated in the wrong area of medical expertise for your requirement.

**Why do many people allow their fire alarm contractor to service fire extinguishers?**

- The same applies to fire safety requirements for your building.

Contractors must be trained and certificated to ensure a quality and safe service.

# Legislation

13 (3) (b) *“The responsible person **must**, where necessary ... nominate **competent** persons to implement those measures and ensure that the number of such persons, their training and the equipment available to them are adequate.”*

- **The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Act 2005**

# Competence

13 (4) “A person is to be regarded as **competent** ... where he has **sufficient training and experience** or knowledge and other qualities to enable him properly to implement the measures referred to.”

- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Act 2005

# Compliance

*“Standards are the distilled wisdom of people with expertise in their subject matter and who know the needs of the organisations they represent”*

- BSI

# Third Party Certification

*"Third-party certification schemes for fire protection products and related services are an effective means of providing the fullest possible assurances, offering a level of quality, reliability and safety that non-certificated products may lack. This does not mean goods and services that are not third-party approved are less reliable, but there is no obvious way in which this can be demonstrated"*

- Quality assurance of fire protection equipment and installation, Section 8
  - (Home Office)

# BAFE Fire Safety Register



The independent register of quality fire safety service providers, certificated to ensure competence and service excellence to help meet your fire safety obligations.



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# Be confident your building is safe

*“Third-party quality assurance can offer comfort both as a means of satisfying you that goods and services you have purchased are fit for purpose, and as a means of demonstrating that you have complied with the law.”*

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# Back to the dentist for your heart surgery...



## Surgery and Fire

- Both life threatening so why value one higher than the other when sourcing your provider?

# Sourcing a competent and compliant fire safety service provider

Search free on the BAFE Fire Safety Register

- The results state clearly what services they are third party certificated to provide.

If you require other services that they provide but are not third party certificated for, question this.



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