

KINGFELL WHITE PAPER



NEW WEBSITE'S A RESOURCE FOR FIRE SAFETY

The new website launched by Kingfell is something of a “first” for the fire industry. For, along with promoting the two divisions of the business – Kingfell Consulting and Kingfell Fire Engineering – www.kingfell.com is a valuable information resource for fire prevention officers, facilities managers and health and safety professionals alike. Here, Paul Bryant, Kingfell’s CEO, sheds light on what the site has to offer, and explains why he wanted it to do a lot more than merely promote his own business.

The pace of technological change in the fire safety business, the introduction of the Reform Order later this year, and the ever-increasing burden of legal responsibility being placed on individuals’ shoulders is going to present everyone concerned with fire safety with a whole new set of challenges. Certainly, the availability of up-to-date and accurate information is going to be essential.

So, when creating the new Kingfell website, we decided to incorporate two information zones to help fire prevention officers, facilities managers, building designers, and health and safety professionals – indeed, for anyone responsible for fire safety. The aim of the first zone is to keep them up to date on current and impending legislative changes, and the latest thinking on new ways of solving old problems. The second zone is to ensure, when information is needed about the fire safety management of a particular premises, that it is immediately available, around-the-clock, and from anywhere in the world.

FAST INFORMATION ON FIRE SAFETY ISSUES.

We live in an age of uncertainty, when much of the information we receive has the potential to be slanted in a particular direction to suite a commercial need. So, the first information zone we have created is a download area where visitors to the site have access to what we call white papers. These white papers are

devoid of any commercial bias and each one addresses an issue of fire safety design or management. Currently, for example, the download zone contains white papers on the fire safety implications of the Disability Discrimination Act; the safety of DIY fire risk assessments and what constitutes “competency”; and guidance on the Reform Order for those designing new buildings.

This download zone will also shortly contain a number of case studies, as we feel that this is another way in which we can share experience. Each case study will look at a particular fire safety challenge, overview the solution, and assess the outcome. We have also decided to include a frequently asked questions page.

We feel that these initiatives are very much in keeping with the greater adoption of fire safety engineering techniques, in place of the traditional prescriptive measures that, at Kingfell, has resulted in the implementation of a more progressive and proactive approach to fire safety and protection.

KEEPING YOUR FINGER ON THE FIRE SAFETY PULSE.

The more complex the fire safety challenge, the more documentation is generated. This seems to be a fact of life. So, the second information zone on the website – which we plan to have in operation shortly – is aimed at easing the burden for clients of both Kingfell Consulting, which as the name implies, is the consulting arm of the company, and Kingfell Fire Engineering, the contracting side of the business.

Within this securely password-protected area we will store all of the Kingfell documentation relating to specific contracts or premises. Simply by clicking on a particular document description, the authorised viewer will gain immediate access to the document itself. In addition to saving the client’s time searching through files of correspondence, this means that the complete Kingfell contract history, including drawings and schedules, will be available via any computer and at any time of the day or night.

Perhaps nowhere is this more important than in the contracting side of the business, where Kingfell Fire Engineering undertakes a wide variety of fire safety contracts, utilising the most appropriate systems and technology to satisfy each particular building’s precise fire safety needs. This can include the installation, maintenance, servicing or upgrading of automatic fire detection and alarm systems; and fixed fire protection systems, such as sprinkler, fixed gaseous and water mist installations.

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