
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 169

FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Training and Equipment) Regulations 1967

<i>Made</i> - - -	9th February 1967
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	16th February 1967
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st September 1967

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 21 of the Fire Services Act 1947(a), and after consultation with the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. Every fire authority shall secure that the training of the operational members of the fire brigade maintained by them includes rescue training comprising, subject to the use of such a safety device as is mentioned in the next following Regulation, the bringing down of living persons from a building, both by carrying them down a ladder and by lowering them from the building or from a ladder.

2. The safety device referred to in the preceding Regulation shall—

- (a) be one calculated to prevent serious injury to the person being rescued in the event of accident, and
- (b) satisfy the requirements set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

3. In these Regulations—

- (a) a reference to the operational members of a fire brigade is a reference to the members thereof appointed on terms under which they are or may be required to engage in fire-fighting;
- (b) the expression “building” includes a drill tower or other structure used in connection with the training, and
- (c) a reference to the rescue of a person is a reference to his being brought from a building by being carried or lowered as mentioned in Regulation 1 of these Regulations.

4.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Training and Equipment) Regulations 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1967.

(2) These Regulations shall not extend to Scotland.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
9th February 1967.

SCHEDULE

1. The safety device shall be such that it can be securely attached, at one end, to a suitable anchorage—

- (a) fitted to the building used in connection with the training, or
- (b) on a turntable ladder, a wheeled escape or an extension ladder, and, at the other end, by means of a belt, to the person being rescued.

2. The safety device shall be of a design calculated to secure that no part thereof will break under the strain imposed by a load of 300 lbs. falling through a distance of 6 feet.

3. The safety device shall be of a design calculated to secure that it does not retard the descent, in the normal course of training, of the person being rescued but that descent or further descent will be prevented—

- (a) if a fault develops in the functioning of the mechanism of the device, or
- (b) where the speed of descent exceeds that normal in the course of training, before it exceeds $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet per second.

4. In this Schedule any reference to the safety device includes a reference to the mechanism thereof, any line or other non-mechanical part thereof and the means of attachment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations require that the training of operational firemen shall include rescue training comprising, subject to the use of a safety device, the bringing down of living persons from buildings. The specification for the safety device is contained in the Schedule to the Regulations.