



# Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

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### PART 2

#### FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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#### PRINCIPAL FIRE AND RESCUE FUNCTIONS

#### **8 Fire safety**

- (1) Each relevant authority shall make provision for the purpose of promoting fire safety in its area.
- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a relevant authority shall in particular, to the extent that the authority considers it reasonable to do so, make arrangements for—
  - (a) the provision of information, publicity and encouragement in respect of the steps to be taken to prevent—
    - (i) fires; and
    - (ii) death or injury by fire;
  - (b) the giving of advice, on request, about—
    - (i) how to prevent fires and restrict their spread in buildings and other property; and
    - (ii) the means of escape from buildings and other property in the event of fire.

#### **9 Fire-fighting**

- (1) Each relevant authority shall make provision for the purpose of—
  - (a) extinguishing fires in its area; and
  - (b) protecting life and property in the event of fires in its area.
- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a relevant authority shall in particular—
  - (a) secure the provision of the personnel, services and equipment necessary to meet efficiently all normal requirements;

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- (b) secure the provision of training for personnel;
- (c) make arrangements for—
  - (i) dealing with calls for help; and
  - (ii) summoning personnel,
 in the event of fire;
- (d) make arrangements for obtaining information required or likely to be required for the purpose mentioned in that subsection;
- (e) make arrangements for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from action taken for the purpose mentioned in that subsection.

## **10 Road traffic accidents**

- (1) Each relevant authority shall make provision for the purpose of—
  - (a) rescuing persons in the event of road traffic accidents in its area; and
  - (b) to the extent that it considers it reasonable to do so, protecting persons from serious harm in the event of road traffic accidents in its area.
- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a relevant authority shall in particular—
  - (a) secure the provision of the personnel, services and equipment necessary to meet efficiently all normal requirements;
  - (b) secure the provision of training for personnel;
  - (c) make arrangements for—
    - (i) dealing with calls for help; and
    - (ii) summoning personnel,
 in the event of road traffic accidents;
  - (d) make arrangements for obtaining information required or likely to be required for the purpose mentioned in that subsection;
  - (e) make arrangements for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from action taken for the purpose mentioned in that subsection.

## **11 Conferral of functions in relation to other emergencies**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order (an “additional function order”) confer on a relevant authority (the “specified authority”) a function relating to an emergency of a kind specified in the order (the “additional function”).
- (2) An additional function order may not specify as a kind of emergency—
  - (a) a fire; or
  - (b) a road traffic accident,
 in the area of the specified authority.
- (3) An additional function order may make provision for or in connection with—
  - (a) requiring the additional function to be carried out by the specified authority outwith its area;
  - (b) specifying what the specified authority shall or may do for the purpose of the additional function;
  - (c) requiring or authorising the specified authority—

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- (i) to secure the provision of personnel, services and equipment;
- (ii) to secure the provision of training for personnel;
- (iii) to make arrangements for dealing with calls for help and summoning personnel;
- (iv) to make arrangements for obtaining information required or likely to be required for the purpose of carrying out the function;
- (v) to make arrangements for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from carrying out the function.