



Fire Door Awareness

Course specification

Who are National Safety Academy?

Welcome to National Safety Academy – we're glad to have you here!

National Safety Academy is an innovative training provider offering courses and qualifications for safety professionals.

It's important to us that education is accessible. Not just in terms of cost, but also in the way it is delivered.

Learning shouldn't be a battle with complicated textbook paragraphs. It shouldn't be dry PowerPoint slides. It shouldn't be technical information without real-life context. It shouldn't be commitment to classroom dates, time away from work and family, and fixed exam schedules.

Instead, National Safety Academy believe learning should feel natural and engaging. It should be challenging, but in all the right ways. It should be comfortably balanced with personal and professional life. Most importantly, it should prepare and assess the learner in a way which reflects their real-life responsibilities outside of a learning environment.

It's your education, so do it your way. Enjoy!

At a glance

LEARNING STYLE

Self-directed, distance learning

SUGGESTED DURATION

4–6 hours

TIME LIMIT

Complete within 6 months of enrolment

ASSESSMENT

One 30-question multiple-choice knowledge check

PASS MARK

80%

CERTIFICATE

Digital certificate on passing

About the course

Our Fire Door Awareness course provides the knowledge needed to understand the role of fire doors and carry out effective routine fire door checks, including the checks required under Regulation 10 of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022.

You'll learn how fire doors protect people and buildings, the key legal requirements surrounding fire door safety, and how to recognise common defects, damage and misuse. The course covers the main components of a fire door, what to look for during a routine check, how to record your findings and when an issue should be escalated for further assessment.

Who is this course for?

Anyone who has responsibility for checking, managing or monitoring fire doors as part of their role. This might include:

- Building managers
- Facilities managers
- Health and safety professionals
- Fire safety professionals
- Maintenance teams and contractors
- Landlords, housing and property teams
- Caretakers

It is also ideal for organisations looking to train employees to undertake routine or Regulation 10 fire door checks in residential buildings.

No previous fire door qualifications or specialist technical knowledge are required.

Who is it not suitable for?

This course focuses on routine fire door checks and awareness. It does not train learners to carry out specialist fire door surveys or make technical assessments of fire resistance.



YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, you will be able to:

1

Explain the principles of fire safety.

2

Explain the role of fire doors in preventing the spread of fire and smoke within buildings.

3

Carry out simple, structured fire door checks confidently within the limits of your role.

Course content

The course builds from foundational principles to practical application. After a welcome block, you'll work through seven blocks, step by step.

Welcome to the course

WELCOME

This block covers a welcome to the course, academic malpractice policies, and setting the scene of the fire safety landscape in England and Wales.

What is fire?

BLOCK 1

Explore how fires start, develop, and spread. You'll learn about the fire tetrahedron, ignition sources, and the stages of fire growth.

What is a fire door?

BLOCK 2

Discover how fire doors help protect people by limiting the spread of fire and smoke. You'll explore compartmentation, why fire doors need to be kept in good condition, and the role that routine checks play throughout their life.

Legislation and guidance

BLOCK 3

Understand the key fire safety laws that apply to fire doors and the responsibilities they create. We'll look at the role of the Responsible Person, specific requirements for fire door checks, and how standards and guidance support good fire safety practice.

Who can undertake fire door checks?

BLOCK 4

Learn who can carry out different types of fire door checks and when greater expertise may be needed. We'll distinguish between everyday observations, routine checks and more detailed specialist inspections, so you understand the limits of your role and when to escalate a concern.

Fire door certification and standards

BLOCK 5

Explore the lifecycle of a fire door and the role that testing, certification and recognised standards play in providing evidence about its performance. You'll also learn how to approach older or uncertified doors without assuming that the absence of a label or certificate means there is a problem.

Components of a fire door

BLOCK 6

Get familiar with the main parts of a fire door, including the leaf, frame, seals, glazing, hinges, self-closing devices and other hardware. You'll learn what each component does and the common signs of damage, deterioration or alteration to look for during a routine check.

Putting it into practice

BLOCK 7

Bring everything together by working through the process of a routine fire door check. Using realistic examples, you'll practise checking a door's condition and operation, identifying and recording concerns, and recognising when something should be referred for further assessment.

Knowledge check

FINAL ASSESSMENT

Completed at the end of the course once all of the learning materials have been covered. Full details are on page 08.

Delivery and support

4–6 hours

Suggested duration – split the hours up whichever way works best for you.

6 months

To complete your course, from the date of enrolment.

How is it delivered?

The course is delivered via self-directed, distance learning. You navigate through the course content in your learning portal online, and study whenever and wherever works best for you.

What support will I receive?

National Safety Academy qualifications are designed to take you on a learning journey. You'll always learn from first principles, so expect to come away understanding and being able to explain the why and how – as well as the what.

Your learning journey will be supported with real-life examples, case studies, videos, e-learning and more. Our learning materials use everyday language that just makes sense – the first time you read it. You'll also have access to:

Learner support

Available to answer your questions.

Self-assessment

Consolidation activities to check your understanding throughout the course.

Community forums

Learn and share knowledge with your peers.

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How will I be assessed?

There is one final assessment: a knowledge check, completed at the end of the course once all of the learning materials have been covered.

30

Multiple-choice
questions

60

Minutes to
complete

80%

Score needed to
pass

Open

Book – you can
refer to your notes

The knowledge check

It contains a mix of knowledge and short scenario-based questions where you'll need to apply what you've learned.

It's an open-book assessment, so you can refer to your notes – but you'll find it much easier if you've already got the key ideas clear in your mind. With the time limit, there isn't much room to stop and look everything up, so make sure you've spent enough time with the learning materials before you start.

There are also multiple opportunities for informal self-assessment throughout the course to check you have understood each section before moving on.

Grading

We use a Pass/Refer grading system. This simply means:

Pass

You've met all the assessment criteria – great job!

Refer

One or more of the assessment criteria was not met.

Results and certification

Receiving a 'refer'

Remember, a 'refer' isn't a fail – it's an opportunity to refine your knowledge so you can be even more effective in keeping people safe in real life.

When you're ready, you can resubmit your assessment after payment of the associated fee. For current fees, please see our Resubmission and Late Submission Policy.

Certification

All successful learners will receive a digital certificate upon passing the course.

Hard copy certificates are available on request for a fee.



Our community

Connect with fellow safety professionals, share experiences, and ask questions. Parts of our community are open to everyone, while others are exclusive to course participants. You'll be automatically enrolled in the relevant areas when you purchase your course – feel free to introduce yourself and start a conversation!



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