

What is BAFE?

BAFE is the independent third party registration body for the fire protection industry. For more than 25 years we have been developing schemes for UKAS accredited certification bodies to assess and approve companies to recognised standards.



Companies, and in some schemes their technicians, who meet these standards can then display the BAFE logo as a registered company – a marque of approval that tells you that they are competent and regularly assessed.

BAFE is a 'not for profit' organisation and our registered companies include manufacturers, installers and maintainers of fire protection products – from major international groups to small local businesses - with one thing in common: they have all invested in quality systems and training to achieve their third party certification and BAFE registration, so that you get the benefit of knowing you are dealing with competent people.

The BAFE Council decides on policy and strategy and includes the principal Trade Associations, Certification bodies, government departments and agencies, the Chief Fire Officers Association and other representatives of the industry. The staff, based on the site of the Fire Service College in Gloucestershire, represent the organisation on technical groups, promote the standards of the organisation and ensure that registered companies' records are maintained to make sure that they are fully compliant.

BAFE also provides independent examination facilities to leading training organisations.



Are you meeting **your** fire safety responsibilities?

To make sure you tick all the boxes, call or Email us or visit our website:

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Promoting Quality in Fire Safety

Do you tick the box for fire safety?



Fire exit

Questions:

- Are you a specifier or end user of fire protection products and services, such as fire alarms or portable extinguishers, or the responsible person for fire safety in your premises or organisation?....If so,
- ✓ Do you know what your responsibilities include?
 - ✓ Do you know what standards should be applied to the products and services you require?
 - ✓ Is your current supplier approved by an accredited third party assessor?
 - ✓ Does this assessment meet the rigorous standards of BAFE schemes?
 - ✓ Is your supplier a BAFE registered company?

If not – can you be sure that your fire protection provision will meet your needs – when you most need it?

Always choose a third party certified company that meets the requirements of BAFE



How can BAFE help you to answer the questions about Fire Safety?

The responsible person - October 2006 saw the introduction of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. Admittedly it doesn't sound very exciting, but it brought in the most wide ranging changes in fire safety legislation for 30 years by putting the responsibility for fire risk assessment and planning firmly with the owner or occupier of a premises. In short, it is now that person's job to ensure that they have either carried out a fire risk assessment, or employed a competent person to do it for them, and that any company they employ to carry out fire safety work is competent.

These guides clearly state: "Third party quality assurance can offer comfort both as a means of satisfying you that the goods and services you have purchased are fit for purpose and as a means of demonstrating that you have complied with the law".



However, these standards are only part of the story. Just as important is a method of ensuring that companies who carry out work on your behalf have all the skills needed to ensure that equipment and systems work at that critical moment when they are required most AND that they do the job required.

That's where we come in.

BAFE is the independent third party dedicated to improving standards in fire protection.

Whatever you buy or use to protect your staff, premises and customers you want to be sure that it is manufactured, supplied, installed and maintained to the latest standards. The fire protection industry is devoted to protecting lives and property, and quality standards are vital in achieving this.

Where can I get more information?

The Communities and Local Government Department publish guides to fire safety and the legislation.

BAFE schemes – there to help you specify the right supplier.

There are BAFE schemes for companies and their technicians who supply and maintain portable fire extinguishers, as well as for companies who design, install and maintain modular fire detection and alarm systems and emergency lighting. For a full list of schemes and certification bodies, go to our website at: www.bafe.org.uk

How do I find the right supplier

Easy – go to our website at www.bafe.org.uk and search for suppliers in your area. If you are going out to tender for the work, simply check the appropriate BAFE scheme that covers your needs and ensure that this is part of the tender requirement. Many of the major insurance companies recognise the need for BAFE registered companies and encourage their use.

REMEMBER – BAFE companies have invested in their skills so that you can meet your responsibilities