

The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Tailored Health and Safety Training – Syllabus

Workplace Fire Safety

Training For Security

Guards

Outline syllabus: Workplace Fire Safety Training for Security Guards

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Introduction

The workplace security guard is an important individual in the prevention of workplace fires and ensuring that workers, contractors and visitors are safe during a workplace fire emergency. The workplace security guard develops these capacities through the development of knowledge, skills and experience related to their role in fire safety. This seven-hour training course is designed to assist the workplace security guard to begin to acquire and sustain these competencies. *The course is designed to assist security guards and security guard companies to meet the provisions of the (US) National Fire Protection Associations (NFPA) 601 Standard for Security Services in Fire Loss Prevention 2015 Edition.*

Goal:

The goal of the Workplace Fire Safety Training for Security Guards course is that the participant will develop a clear understanding of the role of the security guard in preventing fires, ensuring the accessibility of fire protection equipment and supporting evacuation.

Learning objectives

On successful completion of the course, participants will have the required knowledge, skills and information to:

1. List three critical roles of the security guard in a fire emergency.
2. Explain the importance of fire safety in the enterprise..
3. Identify and prioritize at least six workplace fire hazards during a short walk-through exercise.
4. Identify six conditions that may hinder or restrict the movement of workers from their workstation or other area to a designated emergency assembly area.
5. Identify three critical roles of the security guard during an evacuation drill or during a fire emergency.
6. Describe three different ways a company may choose to organize the in-plant response to fire and for each modality describe the role of the security guard during a drill or during an actual fire.

Participant prerequisites

None

Who should attend?

The target audience for this training course are functioning security guards and their supervisors. Individuals that are in training to become security guards may also wish to attend.

Duration

One day

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Programme

- Pre-test and introduction
- Understanding the role of the security guard during a fire emergency.
- Understanding fire.
- Fire safety (Fire Prevention and Fire Protection):
- Identification of fire-related hazards.
- Life safety issues (exits, pathways and assembly areas).
- Employee evacuation: The role of the security guard during evacuation.
- Evacuation drill and employee accountability (including partial evacuation).
- The selection and use of fire extinguishers in support of evacuation.
- Supporting the in-plant fire brigade and the evacuation wardens
- Post-test.
- Evaluation

Certification

A Certificate is awarded to all those who attend the course and successfully complete the written assessments.

Understanding of the course material is evaluated by means of a 20-minute written assessment paper, including eight multi-format questions.

Approval criteria for course providers

A suitably qualified person should deliver or supervise the course and will normally be:

A Registered Safety Practitioner (MIOSH, RSP or FIOSH, RSP); a Member, Fellow or Technician Safety Practitioner (MIOSH, FIOSH or TechSP); A Member or Technician Safety Practitioner (MIOSH or TechSP); or a trained and certified FLA Workplace Fire Safety Facilitator (or equivalent) with an adequate background in fire safety and training and education in fire safety.

It is the responsibility of the course provider to ensure that suitable tutors are used.