



The Government of Sark

## **FIRE PRECAUTIONS POLICY DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

### **DRAFT FIRE LAW AND REGULATIONS**

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION AT THE ISLAND HALL  
ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT 5.30pm**

The draft law and regulations are on the Sark Government website, [www.gov.sark.gg](http://www.gov.sark.gg), and available to view in the Committee Office (Tuesday-Thursday 2.30-4.30pm) and the Visitors Centre (Monday-Friday 10.00-1.00pm)

Sark Fire & Rescue Service has been requesting a law to enhance public safety, update current legislation in the Tourism Law and protect the fire crew. It has worked with the Emergency Services Committee and latterly with the Fire Precautions Policy Development Team to bring it to public draft stage.

#### **The Fire Law is in four parts.**

1. Agreements with Chief Pleas and Sark about provision of a fire service.
2. Powers and Privileges for the Fire Service and Constables so that as long as they operate in 'good faith' it is not law breaking.
3. Fire Precautions in Controlled Premises. This is where the Law does its work in controlling certain premises for the safety of life. If a building is raised to the ground, so be it, as it can be re-built, the most important thing is the smoke alarms have allowed the occupants to escape and there are no fatalities. Having been to a fire with a fatality I, as Chief Fire Officer, do not wish it to happen again.
4. General Provisions. Hopefully this section should never come into play as this whole law is for the protection of life and safety of fire crews.

#### **The Regulations.**

They are the rules for premises to abide by. The Fire Service will still test tourist accommodation places as per the Tourism Law requirement but the other controlled premises are the responsibility of the individual or company who possess them.

The aim of the Regulations is to require adequate and cost effective safety.

Who will not be affected by this legislation? Long term lease holders e.g. 3 years plus owner/occupier detached house and privately owned property not accommodating staff or tourists.

This gives you a brief introduction to the law and its rules. More will be explained at the meeting. Questions will also be taken.

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