

Press Release

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MMRA awards fire risk management system (PAS 7:2013) certificate to the Natural History Museum, UK

MMRA has awarded the Natural History Museum (NHM) in London, UK, with a fire risk management system (FRMS) certificate to PAS 7:2013 standard. The NHM is the first organisation in their sector to gain certification.

The NHM is a world-class visitor attraction and leading science research centre. It uses its unique collections and unrivalled expertise to tackle the biggest challenges facing the world today. It cares for more than 80 million specimens spanning billions of years and welcomes up to five million visitors annually. As the first organisation of its kind to reach PAS 7:2013 standard, the NHM's fire safety policy is translated into action so that the fire risk to people and the business is reduced as far as reasonably practicable while ensuring that the legislative requirements are met.

PAS 7:2013 can be adopted by any organisation wanting to implement a formal procedure to reduce the risks to life of employees, customers and the public, property and assets that are associated with fire in the working environment. It presents requirements for a FRMS which can be applied in organisations that operate on multiple sites, separate management divisions within an organisation, or individual premises within a single entity. Documentation of the FRMS and its processes provides an auditable trail that demonstrates an organisation's commitment to fire risk management and legislative compliance.

Paul Bardsley, head of MMRA, said: "PAS 7:2013 offers a big step forward and is undoubtedly a document that will improve the management of fire safety in many buildings owned by both public and private organisations. It's fantastic that NHM is taking the lead on this and setting an example to others in their sector."

MMRA is the first organisation to be accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service to assess to the PAS 7:2013 standard and issue third-party certification.

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About MMRA

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