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### **New Fire Code – Joint Code of Practice 9th Edition**

Following the recent changes to the CDM Regulations, the “Joint Code of Practice on the Protection of Construction Sites and Buildings Undergoing Renovation” (“the Fire Code”) has been updated and republished as the new 9th Edition.

In addition to changes to bring the new 9th Edition in line with the new CDM Regulations, the authors have also used the opportunity to include further updates so that it also now requires:

- Third party approved flame retardant temporary covering materials must be used exclusively on all parts of the site..
- Photovoltaic panels being installed in accordance with the specification or relevant Code of Practice under the contract and maintained during the project.
- Fire watch periods for hot permit work being undertaken on the basis of minimum time scales.
- Automatic fire detection systems being installed in enclosed spaces and extended as work progresses on large timber framed structures.

The Firecode is widely recognised and highly regarded, the document applies to activities carried out prior to and during the procurement, construction and design process. It is commonly referred to in insurance contracts and is recognised as 'best practice'.

The Code can be purchased from Construction Industry Publications on 0870 078 4400 or via the CIP website [www.cip-books.com](http://www.cip-books.com). Copies cost £25 each plus p&p. There is a special combo edition which includes an updated fire prevention checklist designed to be used in conjunction with Joint Code of Practice 9th Edition. The checklist converts the joint code in to a series of questions which should be asked to establish whether or not fire precautions on site are comprehensive and adequate. The combined version costs £35 each plus p&p.

### **Who should purchase the new Fire Code:**

Clients, developers, professionals, contractors and sub-contractors insurance policies will often require compliance with the Fire Code. Accordingly anyone not fully conversant and complying with it where required runs the risk of having their insurance policy voided.

Accordingly it is strongly recommend that the following obtain a copy to ensure they are fully up-to-date with its requirements: Insurers; Brokers; Clients; Developers; Professionals; Contractors; Sub-contractors and anyone else involved on construction projects where the Fire Code applies.

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