

# Expert Witness Testimony & Peer Reviews

## Kiwa Fire Safety Compliance

We have a successful track record supporting fire safety expert witness cases for both the public & private sectors and are able to provide testimony that is seen by all parties as unbiased, reliable and legally defensible.

Disputes relating to fire safety can often require the advice of independent experts such as the fire safety engineers at Kiwa to reach a satisfactory and justifiable outcome.

You'll find our highly experienced engineers are able to interpret and explain the significance of complex technical evidence and are proficient in providing clear testimony in court.

We are an internationally recognised, independent consultancy practice of professional Fire Safety Engineers and product specialists with a wide range of disciplines and expertise. This is drawn from government scientific establishments, manufacturing industry, building control, commercial fire testing labs, the construction sector and the fire service.

We are therefore uniquely placed to express and report impartial and trustworthy opinion, based solely on the facts and the information provided, to support the intricate requirements for legal cases.

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Kiwa Fire Safety UK can provide support for legal cases on topics such as:

- ✓ Fire spread issues Fire performance requirements of materials
- ✓ Site surveys to inspect installations and review their fire performance
- ✓ Documentation review to confirm legal requirements and compliance against those requirements
- ✓ Review of compliance against legal obligations, such as Building Regulations or Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order
- ✓ Fire safety management requirements
- ✓ Reviews of the need for fire risk assessments and reviews of the adequacy of fire risk assessments that were carried out

Kiwa Fire Safety Compliance is a specialist engineering consultancy delivering impartial and practical fire safety solutions to professionals across the built environment.



## PEER REVIEWS

Being recognised as a leading fire safety consultancy with a respected and trusted opinion; Kiwa Fire Safety Compliance are often approached to review, comment and advise upon existing design submissions and various engineering scenarios and conclusions.

Our peer review service provides the likes of Building Control Officers, Contractors, Installers and anyone looking for a credible 2nd opinion, peace of mind and confidence.

A peer review by our engineers can help to:

- ✓ Ensure you meet all the required legislation and standards
- ✓ Ensure you minimise risk and achieving maximum potential from your designs
- ✓ Ensure you maximise the cost benefits and design efficiencies

## DUE DILIGENCE REVIEWS

Property acquisition and estate management for both residential accommodation and commercial properties must undergo a process of due diligence to ensure transparency at the time of any new purchase.

These Technical Due Diligence Reports, which detail the physical condition of a property, (such as the Fire Safety Assessments we produce), are increasingly in demand, as financial institutions, investors and owner-occupiers look ever more closely at the risks of buying and selling property.

An accurate and honest assessment of the existing building's fire safety standards is therefore an essential element to these proceedings and when done correctly can save buyers time and avoid unexpected redevelopment costs, incurred by having to complete expensive mandatory upgrades.

Kiwa Fire Safety Compliance have extensive experience carrying out due diligence reviews and surveys covering fire safety on a wide range of private and public buildings.

We are able to submit comprehensive and professional written assessments focusing on areas such as fire engineering, smoke ventilation, fire system design and the surveys of fire doors and walls.

Our written assessments will provide a detailed review of the site, give expert opinion on any areas of concern that do not meet applicable fire safety standards and highlight issues which require significant investment to make good.

Kiwa delivers robust, innovative and cost-effective fire safety solutions to a range of diverse clients. We have extensive expertise across the built environment including every day buildings such as; residential, education facilities, healthcare and retail spaces, as well as niche buildings such as historical royal palaces and stately homes.

