



# Media Release

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## **FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR BUSINESS**

**BUSINESSES** both big and small are being urged to join the Harrogate and District Health and Safety Forum and join them at their next get together. Covering all issues regarding fire safety for business, the event is being held on Thursday, 2 December at the Pavilions, Wetherby Road, Harrogate.

The programme includes a number of presentations by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, and includes an overview of fire safety legislation, fire safety risk assessments and a practical demonstration of fire fighting equipment. The event is open to all businesses in the Harrogate District but, as numbers are restricted, early contact to reserve a place is essential.

Formed in July 2004, the Forum is made up of representatives from local businesses who are actively seeking to keep up to date with ever changing health and safety legislation in order to develop and promote health and safety within their working environment.

Chairman of the Forum, Peter Knowlson of Reed Boardall Cold Storage Limited, said: “The forum is a great way for local businesses of whatever size to come together to obtain and share information on health and safety. This will help them to proactively promote a positive health and safety culture within their workplace. Attending forum events and to learn from experts in this field is an invaluable resource.”

Membership of the Forum is free to local businesses and it is supported by the Health and Safety Executive and Harrogate Borough Council’s Food and Occupational Safety Team, which is part of the Department of Health and Housing.

The Fire Safety in Your Business event is free but places must be reserved. Those interested in either joining the Forum or attending this event should telephone the Food and Occupational Safety Team on 01423 556815.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Tony Moule, Area Environment Officer on 01423 556832.