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NEWS RELEASE

InFiReS Risk Control and Building Guide documents now available for free download!!!

The *Insurers' Fire Research Strategy Scheme* ('InFiReS') have now made a large part their extensive library of guidance documents freely accessible on the internet. Previously only available to InFiReS members and for general sale, access to the free library can now be made through the homepage of the InFiReS website www.infires.co.uk

The InFiReS portfolio currently comprises of:

- Insurer building design guide suite
- Risk control document suite
- Security bulletins and document suite
- UK Automatic Sprinkler Rules
- UK large-loss statistics
- A range of on-line exclusive insurer tools and reports
- Annual and ad-hoc seminars

Dr James Glockling, FPA Technical Director and Manager of InFiReS states "The InFiReS main group, chaired by Chris Hanks (General Manager Commercial, Allianz Cornhill) recently made the landmark decision to make this valuable library assessable to all. An extensive amount of research and expert guidance is undertaken to support and develop the publication of loss prevention guidance and best practice documents and this new distribution strategy can only increase the benefit to insurers, brokers, their surveyors and customers"

With a commitment to invest well in excess of £1 million in supporting insurer research in fire and security over the next 2 years, including a ground breaking study into the impact of changing building legislation, construction methods, protection methods and Fire & Rescue Service response on large fire losses, it is hoped that this move will encourage better links between insurers, their customers and industry stakeholders in the development and acceptance of the resulting guidance.

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Notes for editors

The Insurers' Fire Research Strategy scheme (InFiReS) is administrated by the Fire Protection Association on behalf a group of 30 UK insurers and brokers and is now a vital portal for interaction between its membership, their customers and industry stakeholders on fire and security technical issues. For further information on the InFiReS scheme please e-mail lsanger@thefpa.co.uk

A full list of the documents that will be available for download can be made available on request.

The Fire Protection Association is the UK's national fire safety organisation. It works to identify and draw attention to the dangers of fire and security and the means by which their potential for loss is kept to a minimum.



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