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Top Skills

Fire Safety
Fire Protection
Fire Alarm

Languages

German

Publications

A Comprehensive Guide to fire Safety

The design, installation commissioning and maintenance of fire detection and fire alarm systems in non-domestic premises. A guide to BS 5839-1.

The design, installation, commissioning and maintenance of fire detection and fire alarm systems in domestic premises. A guide to BS 5839-6:2013

Colin Todd

Managing Director at C S Todd & Associates Ltd
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Summary

I am managing director of C S Todd and Associates Ltd, an independent consulting practice specializing solely in fire safety, fire protection and fire engineering, which I founded in 1982. The practice is a registered firm under BS EN ISO 9001, and has third party certification for design and verification of fire detection and fire alarm systems, and for fire risk assessment.

While the practice provides consultancy in all aspects of fire safety, much of my fee-earning work involves acting as an expert witness for either the defence or the prosecution in cases involving fire safety legislation across the UK, or in civil litigation cases, and specialist training.

I also represent the profession on numerous committees, including those of the BSI, and have been awarded a distinguished service certificate by BSI for contribution to the development of British, European and International standards. I chair the Institution of Fire Engineers Panel that is responsible for the IFE Register of Fire Risk Assessors and Auditors. I chair the Fire Risk Assessment Council of the Fire Industry Association and am a Board member of the Association. I am a previous board member of the Institution of Fire Engineers.

My personal interests are weightlifting, playing drums, music and history.

Experience

C S Todd & Associates Ltd
Managing Director
May 1982 - Present (39 years 3 months)
Farnham, Surrey

My responsibilities include the overall running of the practice, technical support to the consultancy team, ensuring the on-going competency of the team, quality assurance of client deliverables and client liaison. I also provide consultancy services to clients, a large part of which comprises expert witness services and specialist training. However, from time to time, I carry out fire risk assessments, and, along with the other consultants in the practice, I provide ad hoc advice to clients

Bowring Risk Management

Specialist Technician

November 1978 - May 1982 (3 years 7 months)

London

My role was to provide technical advice and support to the clients of what was then C T Bowring, Insurance Brokers (subsequently Marsh and McLennan), over and above the routine surveys, etc carried out by the fire insurance surveyors.

Fire Offices' Committee

Assistant Technical Officer

June 1976 - November 1978 (2 years 6 months)

London

I was an assistant technical officer in the FOC electrical section within the technical department, responsible to the Technical Officer in charge of electrical matters and, ultimately, to the Chief Technical officer.

The role involved dealing with applications for approval of fire detection and alarm equipment, making recommendations for approval, drafting codes of practice for the fire insurance industry, technical support to fire insurers and their surveyors, and representation of the fire insurance industry on external fire safety technical committees, particularly those of the British Standards Institution.

(The technical department effectively became the Loss Prevention Council, and the approval and certification work became the responsibility of the Loss Prevention Certification Board (LPCB), which is now part of BRE Certification.

Unilever

Assistant Manger

November 1975 - June 1976 (8 months)

London

I was responsible for assisting the fire risk manager in the provision of fire safety advice to Unilever operating companies, carrying out fire surveys and liaison with the Group's fire insurers.

Education

The University of Edinburgh

Bachelor's Degree, Physics · (1969 - 1974)

Royal High School Edinburgh

· (1955 - 1969)

Accomplishments

3 Projects



Fire safety in specialized housing 2017

C S Todd & Associates (CSTA) were commissioned by the Chief Fire Officers' Association (now the National Fire Chiefs Council) to draft new guidance on fire safety in specialized housing, comprising sheltered housing, extra care housing and supported housing. I led the team and drafted much of the contents, as well as carrying out all editing. CSTA were responsible for a major consultation exercise on various successive drafts, including two public roadshows and a public consultation exercise. The project was delivered on time and at the agreed fixed cost. It is available as a free download

See project

Draft guidance on fire safety in purpose-built blocks of flats Jun 2011

C S Todd and Associates were appointed to draft new national guidance for England and Wales on fire safety in purpose built blocks of flats. I was ultimately responsible for the delivery of this guidance, and I was one of a team of three within the practice who drafted the guidance.

Other creators

See project

Consultancy advice to Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service following multiple fatality fire 2009

Following a multiple fatality fire at the Penhallow Hotel in Newquay in August 2007, in which three persons lost their lives (the largest number of fatalities in a hotel fire since 1969), I was engaged by Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service to provide advice on a number of matters in relation to fire precautions at the hotel and issues of compliance with legislation. This advice was used in the successful prosecution of the owners of the hotel for two breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order 2005.

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