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Request:

Please can you provide an explanation of how LFB classify fire safety audit results? Compliant /Broadly Compliant and what this means.

Hertford Wharf [Hackney N1] received an EWS1 with B2 rating (fail) and was placed on waking watch. How can the building be 'broadly compliant' with RRO in those circumstances?

Response:

The LFB publish information about our legal enforcement responsibilities on our website. This information can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-do/enforce-fire-safety-legislation/>

It includes some information on what happens if a responsible person is not compliant. Typically there are three outcomes that could occur following a fire safety audit. The table below details the result categories and the what this means for the responsible person:

Outcome of Fire Safety Audit	What this means
Broadly Compliant	The result of the audit confirmed no significant failure to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO) were found and as a result the premises was deemed broadly compliant. This means that no enforcement action (informal or formal) was required as a result and no notices were issued by the LFB.
Non-Compliant and an informal notification of (fire safety) deficiencies (NOD) is issued for the premises	The result of the audit confirmed that some fire safety matters require attention to reduce the risk of fire and/or reasonably ensure the safety of people using the premises and these matters need to be addressed in order to comply with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Fire Safety Order). As a result, an informal notification of (fire safety) deficiencies (NOD) was issued for the premises. When issuing a NOD the expectation is that the issues are minor enough that they can be rectified without needing any formal intervention from the LFB (which is different to an Enforcement Notice). As such, it would be for the Responsible Person(s) of the

	premises to be satisfied the deficiencies noted are addressed appropriately and within the recommend time frame. The LFB will then check these issues when the property is visited at the next routine inspection (according to the level of risk).
Non-Compliant and an Enforcement Notice (EN) is served on the premises	<p>The result of the audit confirmed failures to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO) were found and, as a result, an enforcement notice was served on the premises.</p> <p>Copies of Enforcement Notices issued are published online and can be accessed via the following link: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/</p>

If the responsible person has assessed the risk for the building and implemented measures to mitigate the risk (such as temporary simultaneous evacuation procedure) then it is my understanding that they would be 'broadly compliant' with the RRO in these circumstances.

This information is published online, via the London Fire Brigade Mobilisation Records' page on the London Datastore. Minutes to the scene can be found in downloadable excel spreadsheets which can be accessed through the following link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-mobilisation-records?q=mobil>