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Request:

If a concern is raised and the inspector agrees to conduct a fire audit. Is there a specific timeframe in which the fire audit is carried out? If a prior visit to premises number 1 raises multiple breaches of the FSO 2005 would this make the second premises a high risk and require an immediate audit?

Response:

Please see our response to your questions set out below:-

if a concern is raised and the inspector agrees to conduct a fire audit. Is there a specific timeframe in which the fire audit is carried out?

The LFB Fire Safety Regulatory Team confirm that, on receipt of a reported fire risk, we take requests to maintain confidence most seriously, and this would be conveyed to the investigation fire safety officer assigned to respond to the matter.

Should the matter be determined to be an immediate risk to life, we must respond to such reports from the public and attend to the risk within 3 hours. If our initial investigations determine the matter is deemed of lesser risk, as part of that initial investigation, our officers will report back to you and explain what actions you may expect from us. This may be a response within 24 hours or longer, depending on the seriousness of the risk and the resources available to the relevant fire safety team.

Our risk-based intervention program is based on various factors and, based on the information available to us at this time.

If a factory fails the audit would this raise the need to raise an audit on their second factory?

An audit at other linked premises may be raised if there are aspects of non-compliance. However, it depends on various factors that contribute to our risk-based intervention programme. So, an audit at a second site is not an automatic result, but it may be a consequence if determined by our assessment of associated risk factors and availability of resources.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#)