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# NEWSLETTER

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*Comprehensive  
 Safety Management  
 Services For Your  
 Business or  
 Organisation*

## WHO ARE EZRA SAFETY GROUP?

We are a family-run, Preston based Fire Safety Consultancy Group, specialising in Fire Risk Assessments, Fire Door Inspections and Fire Training; we also offer a full suite of Online Training with course from Basic Fire Safety, to Leadership Skills and Supervising Mental Health in the Workplace.



### Ezra supports the local community ASTLEY AND BUCKSHAW U10 GIRLS

We are proud to sponsor the U10 girls at Astley and Buckshaw. They are an incredibly talented team!

### ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

We are proud members of the 1985 Business Club of St Catherine's and the hospice is our company charity.



### Why Fire Safety?

We are passionate about what we do. It is our mission to keep people safe from the risk of fire.

### Why 'Ezra'?

Ezra is a family name. The name 'Ezra' means 'helper.' It sums up our business really well - we work hard to help keep people safe.

## SERVICES WE OFFER

### FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS

We have over 19 years experience as a Fire Risk Assessor. We are Bafe and IFE registered. We genuinely care about our clients and their businesses and work closely with them to help keep people safe from the risk of fire.

### FIRE TRAINING

We are experienced providers of training for:

- Fire Wardens
- Use of Extinguishers
- Evac Chair Evacuations
- Progressive horizontal evacuation

### FIRE DOOR INSPECTIONS

We are UK Fire Door Training Approved Inspectors. We help businesses owners and landlords ensure that their fire doors will work to slow the spread of smoke and fire in an emergency.

### ONLINE TRAINING

Our Online Training is available through our website and can be accessed at a time that suites our clients and their teams.



- **Why do I need a Fire Risk Assessment?**

Having a fire risk assessment is a legal obligation for any persons responsible for a building. You may choose to carry out the assessment yourself or instruct a consultant to carry out your fire risk assessment. The fire risk assessment must identify the hazards, the people at risk and evaluate to remove or reduce the risks. The findings must be recorded, include an emergency plan and provide training. The fire risk assessment must be kept up to date through periodic reviews.

- **How often do Fire Risk Assessments need to be reviewed?**

It ranges from 1 to 3 years depending on the findings, building use and occupancy. The review must take place sooner though if the building has any changes to the layout, use, staff, management or ownership.

- **What fire training is suitable for my staff?**

All staff require fire safety training. It is essential that they know what to do in the event of a fire. This information should be provided at the time of their induction. Any individuals given additional duties as indicated in your fire risk assessment and fire emergency action procedure must receive additional training which usually incorporates the role of a Fire Warden and use of fire extinguishers. Any training provided must be recorded to say who received it and when

## MEET THE TEAM



**Robert Lunney EngTech TIFireE MIFSM**  
Managing Director and Lead Assessor with over 20 years experience working in Fire Safety. Robert is an ardent supporter of Blackburn Rovers and an Oasis superfan.



**Ste Parker TIFSM**  
Risk Assessor with 14 years experience in Fire Safety.  
*"In my spare time, I love spending time with family and friends and going out for meals. I enjoy exercise, support Manchester United and my favourite meal is a curry."*



**Sam Varey BA (Hons)**  
Trainee Fire Risk Assessor. *"I really enjoy cooking new things and going out to eat with my girlfriend. I enjoy spending time with family and hosting gatherings for friends every month or so. My favorite music genre is rock, and I love late nights watching crime documentaries. I also love watching stand up comedy and visiting historical places across the UK."*



**Lucy Chandler**  
PA to Managing Director. *"I am a mum of 1 to my little boy, who also keeps me busy! In my spare time I play netball. I love listening to music and watching films - especially a good horror! I enjoy socialising with friends and spending quality time with my family."*



**Julie Lunney**  
Director of Operations. *"I enjoy spending time with family; our 'little people' Jack, Robbie and Zara keep me entertained. I like peace and quiet, reading or watching a good box set with a cup of tea and some chocolate."*



# STAY SAFE!

## Halloween Safety Tips

Fancydress costumes don't have the same safety standards as other clothing which means they can catch fire very easily and burn faster. It is worth spending a bit more to buy costumes from a reputable shop or website so that they meet UK safety standards. Look for a UKCA or CE mark on the label and "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability" - these costumes could still catch fire, but have been tested to ensure they burn more slowly. Keep candles well away from children and consider using battery candles in your pumpkins instead,

Speaking of pumpkins, carve carefully! If your child is too young to handle a knife safely, there are lots of 'no carve pumpkin decorating ideas' online. Make sure little ones are safe near roads by accompanying them and make sure older children remember to concentrate when crossing roads and don't have their attention on their mobile phones!



## Bonfires and Fireworks- Tips

We recommend going to an organised bonfire and firework display rather than having your own, but if you are going to light your own fireworks, please remember:

- Only buy CE marked fireworks and keep them in a closed box
- Follow the instructions - light at arms length using a lighting taper and stand well back; never go back to a lit firework.
- Light sparklers one at a time and make sure everyone holding them is wearing gloves. Supervise children with sparklers and don't give them to anyone under 5 years old.
- When finished with a sparkler, put it in a bucket of cold water to prevent fire.
- It's a bad idea to have a bonfire in your garden - they can easily spread to hedges and trees and could even cause your house to catch fire. If you do decide to have one, build it far away from sheds, fences or trees!
- Please think about animals on bonfire night. Keep pets indoors and make sure no animals are hiding in your bonfire before you light it.



# NEWS FROM ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

## Upcoming events:

- 25 October - Tapas Evening at the Mill Cafe at St Catherine's (18:00-21:00). Call 01772 695277 to book.
- 16th November 10am Toy Fair in the Garden Room at St Catherine's Hospice
- Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd December from 5.30pm at St Catherine's Park - Light up a Life to remember a loved one.
- Sunday 8th Dec - Santa Dash - Run or Walk around Preston Docks to raise money for the Hospice. Email [fundraising@stcatherines.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@stcatherines.co.uk) for more details.



To donate to St Catherine's Hospice, go to <https://www.stcatherines.co.uk/support-us/donate/>



Ezra Safety Group offers a full suite of online courses, providing you and your employees with training that can be accessed at a time that suits you. All courses are fully accredited and provide successful participants with a certificate to show they have completed each course.

## Examples of our online courses include:



### Health and Safety

- COSHH
- Display Screen Equipment Awareness
- Manual Handling
- Electrical Safety
- Ladder Safety

### Fire Safety

- Fire Marshall
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fire Doors
- Basic Fire Safety Awareness



### Food Safety and Hygiene

- Achieving Hygiene rating 5
- Supervising food safety (Level 3)
- Level 1 Food Safety
- Level 2 Food Safety

### Health and Social Care

- Mental Health First Aid
- Epilepsy Awareness
- Moving and Handling People
- Positive Handling in schools
- Learning Disability Awareness
- Health and Safety in a care setting



### Business Skills Training

- Stress Management
- Presentation Skills
- Social Media Marketing
- Search Engine Optimisation
- Time Management