4. Licensed Premises

A copy of the licensing act is available at the below link.


A copy of the revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 published in March 2010 is available through the below link.

Revised Guidance for Licensed Premises

An important part of ensuring the safety of your patrons in a licensed premises is knowing how many you can safely have inside. In larger premises the maximum number of persons may be determined for specific areas or on a specific floor.

The Calculating Occupancy document has been developed by Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service to assist the Responsible Person in calculating a safe occupancy level in their premises. This can be found in the same section of our website as this document.

Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the adequacy and suitability of this information, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service accepts no responsibility for any outcome determined through its use. Use of this guidance alone will not automatically guarantee the determination of a safe occupancy number. To achieve this, the use and occupancy of a premises and the nature of the people who use it must be taken into account during risk assessment process.

A more complex building with more than 2 storey's will require complex calculation to calculate 'flow through rates' in this instance please contact the Fire Safety Enforcement team.