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Building and Fire Protection contractors need to be aware owners of older budget accommodation buildings, built before 1 January 1992, are currently assessing their buildings for compliance with the second stage of fire safety legislation introduced by the State Government.

The objective of this legislation is to ensure budget accommodation buildings provide for safe evacuation of the occupants in the event of fire.

To achieve this objective, building owners must assess their building against all provisions of the Fire Safety Standard, which is Part 14 of the Queensland Development Code (QDC), and to comply with all provisions in the Standard by 30 June 2005.

Contractors' awareness of this assessment is very important because it is envisaged a significant number of building owners will need to carry out building work to comply with the Standard.

As a contractor you may be contracted by a building owner to undertake this work, which could involve constructing new exits or stairs, or installing fire hose reels.

It must also be understood by contractors, when installing such elements, they must in all cases be installed in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Safety Standard, which can be different to the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

BSA encourages all building and fire protection contractors to thoroughly familiarise themselves with this Standard before carrying out any work on these buildings.

The Fire Safety Standard is available from [www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/](http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/)