Central Highlands Regional Council	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY	
	Fire Safety	POLICY REF NO CHRCP: 0025

## **1.0 Policy Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of the fire safety policy is to demonstrate that council shall comply with the provisions outlined within the Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008 (the Regulation).

## 2.0 Policy Statement

2.1 Council aims to ensure that fire safety is integrated into all our management systems and core operations so that prevention of occupational injury, illness and property damage becomes an integral part of our organisational culture.

## 3.0 Commitment

- 3.1 Council is committed to ensuring a safe, productive, protective and healthy working environment for workers who may be affected by our activities in accordance with the Regulation.
- 3.2 The Regulation requires council, as an employer, to ensure:
  - 3.2.1That all prescribed fire safety installations are maintained;
  - 3.2.2That all evacuation routes are maintained;
  - 3.2.3That all evacuation signs and diagrams are maintained;
  - 3.2.4 That evacuation planning; instruction and practice is provided to all workers and others;
  - 3.2.5That fire and evacuation plans are maintained;
  - 3.2.6 That a fire safety advisor is appointed for high occupancy buildings; and
  - 3.2.7That records are kept.

## 4.0 Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

Evacuation route	means a path of travel from any place in the building, through a final exist of the building, to a place of safety outside the building.
Prescribed fire safety installation	means a fire safety installation within the meaning of the <i>Building Act</i> 1975.
Worker	means a worker as defined in accordance with section 7 of the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i> who is directly or indirectly engaged by council.

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