

#### ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING COMPLIANCE

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## Introduction



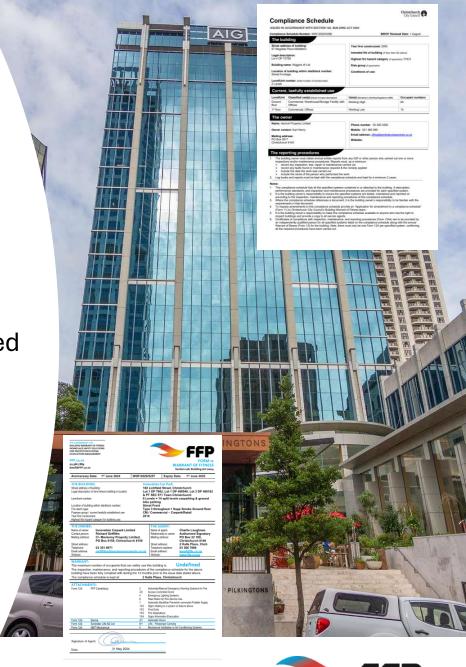
## **BWOF Process**

- Internationally ground-breaking
- Every building has its safety points listed with an inspection regime and performance standard
- Every system is checked and certified every year by experts in their field

 The certification is monitored and penalties are imposed for non –

compliance.

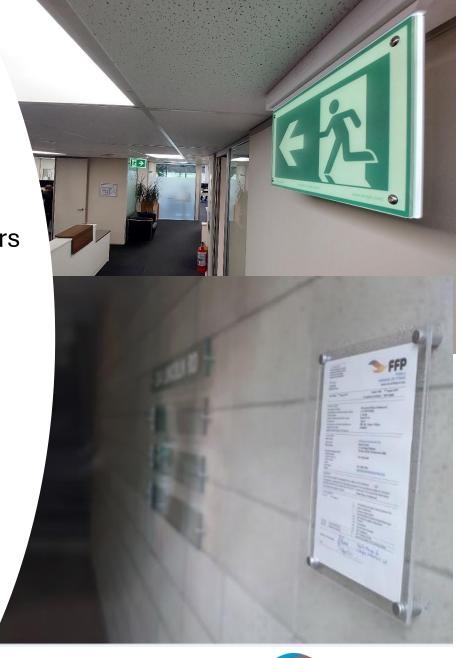






## **BWOF Process**

- Benefits to life safety
- Is cost effective to manage for owners
- Reduces risk
- Reassures occupants





## **BWOF Process**

Inspections are split into two groups

#### Owner

- A lay person
- Responsible for general housekeeping checks

#### Independent Qualified Person

- Independent from the owner
- Certified as a specialist inspector in their field





Although "IQP" is listed as the inspection process, this might not mean an IQP completes all of the inspections

Specified System 15/3	Fire separations (as so defined)			
System description:	Fire separations protecting a means of escape			
Location(s):	30/30/30 FRR including fire/smoke control doors			
Make and model (if known):	Unknown			
Performance standards:	Compliance Documents C/AS1			
Inspection, maintenance and reporting procedures:	Owner to undertake visual inspection of fire partitions including doors to ensure their proper operation Compliance Documents C/AS1			
Frequency of inspections:	Monthly			Annually
Maintained and inspected by:	Owner			Independent Qualified Person



#### Example 1: Multi-person tasks

- Weekly fire pump running
- Monthly & Quarterly testing
- Annual / Biennial surveys
- Annual & Biennial pump overhaul
- Four-yearly valve overhaul
- 10-year Dry Drop replacements
- 12-year tank inspections
- Remedial work identified during the inspections





#### Example 1: Multi-person tasks

- Each process needs to be documented. A QA system should be in place.
- Each person needs to be trained in the task they undertake.
- The various tasks must be recorded.
- The IQP would oversee each task has been completed, remedial work undertaken, and the owner has been informed.







Example 2 : Training an unqualified inspector

 Training must include all steps of the 4-step training process.





- Explain the theory behind the task.
- Explain how the task will be undertaken, what documentation will be needed, and what procedures are to be followed
- Detail safety requirements.
- Ensure the trainee has absorbed the necessary information.





- Demonstrate the task to the trainee.
- Complete each step in a logical order, explaining the methodology for the task, and ensure the trainee can observe all facets of the task.
- This will generally involve multiple demonstrations of various iterations.
- Ensure the trainee understands the process.





- Let the trainee complete the task under direct supervision.
- Start with simple tasks.
- Have them complete each step in a logical order, explaining back the methodology for the task, and ensure the trainee can complete all facets of the task.
- Correct any errors the trainee makes, and let them demonstrate the corrected method.
- Increase difficulty gradually.
- Continue to train until the trainee shows consistent skills.





- Let the trainee complete the task without direct supervision.
- Check the finished product and ensure that the methodology has been correctly undertaken.
- Correct any errors the trainee has made and explain the best practice.
- Identify weaknesses and re-train as necessary.
- Encourage the trainee to approach with questions.





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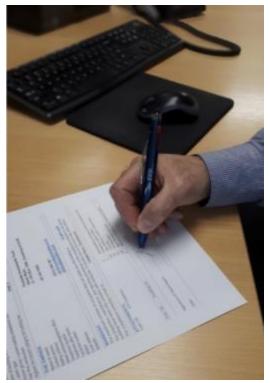
- Training must include all steps of the 4-step training process.
- Oversight of the inspection will be directly related to the stage of training the field inspector is at.
- Training should aim to have the person qualified in their own right.



#### Example 3: Oversight by distance

- Appropriate for well-trained field operators only.
- IQP should have been involved in training, or have access to training records.
- IQP should also be familiar with the buildings.
- Inspection records need to be thorough so the IQP can verify the adequacy of the inspection.
- Process should also include site visits to verify inspections.







## Good practice

- The inspector should be an IQP. If not, the person completing the inspection should be well trained and overseen directly by the IQP, depending on their skill level.
- Have a good Quality System. Document procedures and check good practice is being undertaken.
- Continue ongoing training even for qualified staff
- Everyone makes errors. Aim to find these and correct poor practice.
- Don't be an absentee IQP.



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verb

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#### Christchurch terrorist attack inquest hears why mosque emergency exit didn't open during shooting



Watch: The coronial inquest into the March 15 mosque attacks resumed in Christchurch on Monday, to look at one single issue - why the emergency exit at the back of the mosque failed to open on the day of the terrorist attack. Credits: Video-Newshub; Image - Getty

A builder who helped repair Al Noor Mosque after the Christchurch terror attack says the lock on the main prayer room's emergency door may have created confusion and delay during the shooting.



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### The New Zealand Herald

The Government has decided to introduce a new offence for inspectors who negligently issue compliance certificates.

The penalty will be fines of up to \$50,000 for an individual and \$150,000 for a body corporate.



Housing Minister Megan Woods during Question Time at Parliament in Wellington on May 30, 2023. Photo / Mark Mitchell



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