



Frequently asked questions FUMIGATION REGULATIONS

Q.	What fumigation activities are covered by the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 changes?
A.	<p>The following fumigation activities are covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Space fumigation• Fumigation in a glasshouse• Fumigation of soil or compost in a glasshouse, building, or other enclosed structure• Soil fumigation outdoors• Fumigation of commodities on a ship• Fumigation of a ship or aircraft• Fumigation under sheets• Fumigation of mammals underground. <p>If your fumigation activities are carried out at an established location on a routine basis as part of regular work activities and the location is secured against ready access by unauthorised people, then you may only need to notify us once. For more information on whether you need to notify or not, refer to WorkSafe for guidance, or the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.</p>
Q.	We previously just phoned the local fire station, can we still do this?
A.	<p>In the first instance, please notify the Communications Centre in writing before you fumigate. This way, we can coordinate the information and ensure that the right crews are informed before responding to an emergency. Although it is helpful to notify your local fire station, they often are not staffed while out on calls.</p>
Q.	Can I just phone the Communication Centre instead of emailing?
A.	<p>No. This can take staff away from answering 111 emergency calls. Please submit your notification in writing at least 24 hours in advance of your fumigation, so that we have enough time to process it.</p>
Q.	How will you use the information?
A.	<p>We will use the information you provide to respond to emergencies and to plan for future emergencies (e.g. deciding where specialist equipment should be stationed). Your information will not be routinely passed on to other agencies but could be required as part of an investigation by an appropriate authority, and it is subject to the provisions of the Official Information Act, including the provisions for protection of commercially sensitive information in that Act.</p>