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FROM OUR HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION

FIRE SAFETY BREACHES

A well known high street sports retailer has been fined for serious fire safety breaches at a branch in North London.

London Fire Brigade officers inspecting the store in Friern Bridge Retail Park, N11 discovered fire escapes locked or partly blocked by stock, and an empty fire extinguisher. The store had already been served with an enforcement notice in December 2005

The company admitted six breaches of the Fire Safety Order 2005 and Hendon magistrates fined the firm £17,400 plus £6,150 costs. The court noted that the company had since carried out fire safety training for its staff.

This case clearly illustrates that there does not need to be an actual fire for occupiers of business premises to fall foul of the law – failure to comply with the provisions of the Fire Safety Order can be enough to lead to enforcement action being taken by the appropriate fire authority.

This is a good time to ensure that risk assessments, standards, training and supervision are appropriate, up-to-date and the provisions of your health and safety policy are being applied in practice.

If you have a query regarding this Beware Notice, or any other health and safety related issue, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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