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Dear Ms Bell and Ms Limberg

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 Premises: The Angel, South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ

On 09 March 2023 I visited your premises and carried out a fire safety check.

During the fire safety check concerns were identified in the areas that were sampled. You should review your fire risk assessment to address these concerns which I have set out in the attached appendix. These should be dealt with as soon as possible as well as any other issues identified in your review.

Further guidance on Fire Risk Assessment can be found using the link below: Fire risk assessments | Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (dsfire.gov.uk)

If the issues set out in this report require major changes or costs then I advise you to seek professional advice before proceeding.

Please note that this visit was not a comprehensive check of all your fire safety arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Richard Carr Fire Safety Advisor

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Appendix

Fire Safety Check at: The Angel, South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ

Further advice can be found on our website: www.dsfire.gov.uk. Please click on the 'Your Safety' tab and then explore the 'Safety at work & other places' link. You may wish to seek specialist advice from a competent person.

The following issues require your attention:

Emergency Lighting

The responsible person must ensure that escape routes and exits are adequately lit and where necessary provide emergency lighting in case of failure of normal lighting.

Fire Safety Training

The responsible person must ensure that employees receive appropriate fire safety training so that they are aware of the fire safety provisions and emergency action plan.

Testing and Maintenance

The responsible person must ensure that fire safety provisions such as fire alarm, escape lighting, firefighting equipment and other fire safety provisions are properly tested and maintained in line with current guidance.

Fire Fighting Equipment

The responsible person must ensure that the premises have appropriate firefighting equipment, fire extinguishers should be appropriate to the risks that are present in the premises.

Electrical Wiring Testing

The electrical installation should be checked and certified safe by a qualified contractor, at least every five years.

Protection of the Stairs

The underside of the stairs leading to the first floor should be protected by plasterboard that will resist the effects of fire, to ensure all relevant persons have time to escape the first floor area in an emergency situation.