



Together we are improving fire safety in Sweden



Brandskyddsföreningen
SWEDISH FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION



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The Swedish Fire Protection Association (Brandskyddsföreningen) is a public-interest, non-profit association that works for greater fire safety in Sweden. Knowledge is the foundation of everything we do. Every year our efforts to prevent and reduce human injury and material damage help to save lives, alleviate suffering and reduce costs to society.

We endeavour to influence politicians and decision-makers so that they raise fire-safety issues in society. For example, we strive to improve fire-safety standards in the construction process and we want elderly and vulnerable people to be offered fire safety tailored to the individual.

Our independence is an important guarantee that fire safety is always at the centre of the standards, rules and regulations, training programmes and certifications that we support. 2019 is our centenary year.



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Through a wide-ranging collaboration with various parties in the industry we identify a continuous need for guidelines and recommendations and we develop and quality-assure standards, rules and regulations for improved fire safety in Sweden. Standards that help to prevent human injury and material damage can, together with guiding structural-engineering requirements, become the basis for insurance terms and premiums. We uphold around 40 or so norms. Standardisation takes place through collaboration with the Swedish Standards Institute (SIS). We are also a respected consultation body – we respond to around 50 or so proposals every year.

High reliability thanks to our rules and regulations

Fire alarms and sprinklers save both lives and money. We contribute to a high level of reliability in fire alarms and water sprinkler systems in Sweden through our rules and regulations. Furthermore, in the case of fire alarms and sprinkler systems, these must be inspected after installation and then annually. Our rules and regulations state that the inspections must be performed by an independent third party, which has contributed to the high level of reliability of Swedish systems.

Safety through certification

Our certifications contribute to high safety and quality standards. Through our half-owned certification institute, SBSC, we certify installers of fire alarm systems and sprinkler systems, for example.

Fire safety in building technology in everyday life

Fire safety in building technology covers all fire safety that is incorporated into buildings and we come across this almost every day without giving it a second thought. This type of fire safety is chiefly regulated in the building regulations (BBR) set by the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning. We update, train and provide manuals on the board's building regulations.

Electrical inspections minimise electricity-related fires

Rapid developments in the fields of electricity and energy – such as digitalisation and renewable energy production – increase the need for electrical safety. We work on electrical safety so as to prevent and minimise electricity-related fires. Through electrical inspections we promote electrical safety to reduce human injury, material damage and the impact of power outages. We perform around 12,500 inspection assignments a year for 80 associated Swedish and non-Swedish insurance companies. We work with over 90 inspection companies and just over 240 inspection engineers in this field.

Swedish Insurance Salvage Organisation (Restvärderäddning) – contributes to a better end after an accident

Our operation is unique in the world and bridges the gap that arises after a rescue effort and before subsequent measures are deployed. Every year we perform around 10,000 salvage operations, with the help of our 80 salvage managers who are on hand 24 hours a day, all year round, across the whole of Sweden. Our operation enables the people and operations affected to return to everyday life more quickly and saves society billions of Swedish kronor every year. Important customers are insurance companies, enterprises and authorities.

Reducing human injury, material damage and labour costs with Heta Arbeten® certification

Heta Arbeten® is a qualifying course for professions in which flammable hot work – methods and tools that can generate heat and sparks – is carried out in a temporary workplace.

The total cost of claims relating to fires directly caused by hot work has fallen by around 75% since the Heta Arbeten® certification was introduced in the 1990s. The concept Heta Arbeten® is the biggest risk-prevention measure against fire taken in Sweden over the past 30 years. One of the consequences of not being certified in the event of an accident is less compensation from insurance companies. Just over 77,000 hot-work operatives were certified in 2017.

Certifying Fire Protected Hotel®

We want hotel stays to be accompanied by security and excellent fire safety. We certify hotels that meet VISITA and the Swedish Fire Protection Association's shared standard for fire safety at hotels, 'Fire Protected Hotel®'. A certificate demonstrates that the hotel has excellent fire safety and meets all legal requirements.

Specific fire risks in agriculture

The Swedish Fire Protection Committee of Agriculture (FPCA) is a joint organisation for agriculture, authorities, organisations and insurance companies focusing on fire safety in agriculture. FPCA works on many issues that deal with the specific fire risks in agriculture and horse-related activities. Through recommendations, training and efforts to prevent injury and material damage, we contribute to fire safety in agriculture and horse-related activities.



Swedish Insurance Salvage Organisation



Heta Arbeten®

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We drive opinion

Training thousands of course participants

The Swedish Fire Protection Association organises almost 200 training sessions, conferences and seminars every year involving around 4,500 participants. We offer training in everything from systematic fire-safety work and fire-safety management to courses in a variety of different topics such as flammable substances and fire-safety planning. We offer both tutor-led and web-based training as well as tailored programmes on site. Every year over 35,000 participants complete various training courses through our local associations and almost 400,000 publications are produced.

We take a stand and drive opinion

We endeavour to influence politicians and decision-makers so that they raise fire-safety issues in society. For example, we strive to improve fire-safety standards in the construction process. The nature of checks on fire safety in building technology are currently determined by property owners and builders. The Swedish Fire Protection Association wants the checks to be performed by an independent third party in a similar way as they are for fire alarm systems and sprinkler systems.

Public information for greater fire safety in Sweden

On our website we have brought together information and advice on fire safety in the home and in leisure time. Read the good advice on our information sheets so that you don't need to worry. We can often be seen in the media and we also provide updates on fire safety and other news via social media. We carry out various information campaigns across the whole of Sweden with our local associations.

Swedish Fire Research Board (Brandforsk) – research that swiftly has practical applications

The Swedish Fire Protection Association is the organisation responsible for Brandforsk, a body that has funded hundreds of fire-research projects since it was established in 1979. Prioritised areas include:

- *Innovative fire safety in the digital society*
- *Fire safety in a sustainable society*
- *Fire safety for an aging population*

The Swedish Fire Protection Association in brief

- 229 million kronor in sales
- 2,015 members
- 85 employees
- 22 local associations
- Membership magazine: BrandSäkert

The Swedish Fire Protection Association is a public-interest, non-profit association that works for greater fire safety in Sweden. The association is a leading knowledge centre that increases future fire safety and reduces the cost of claims to society. It runs business activities in areas such as training, publishing, mitigation of damages, inspection and fire and safety certification, as well as research into fire.

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