1. Purpose of the Ordinance
The purpose of the Ordinance is to require the owners of composite buildings to prepare for domestic purposes with more than 3 storeys; and administered by the Hong Kong Housing Authority for approval.

2. Enforcement Authority
For the purpose of this Ordinance:
(a) the Director of Fire Services is the enforcement authority in relation to any fire service installation or equipment.

3. Scope of the Ordinance
The Ordinance applies to a composite building or domestic building if:
(a) the building was constructed on or before 1 March 1987 where no plans of the building were submitted to or approved by the Building Authority; or
(b) fire safety construction is required by the Ordinance or a Building Authority.

4. Fire Safety Measures to be Complied with
For complying with the Fire Safety Directions, building owners may refer to the "Guidebook for the Compliance of Fire Safety Directions of the Fire Services Department" (B. F. 391/02) available from the following website of the Fire Services Department (FSD):

For further information relating to fire service installations and equipment, please contact the Fire Services Department. The information given in this pamphlet is for general guidance only.

5. Implementation
The Ordinance came into operation on 1.2.2007. Implementation is mainly in 2 phases:

(a) Fire Safety Directions
(b) Requirements on Fire Service Installations and Equipment:

PHASE 1: Inspection for target composite buildings within the scope of the Ordinance.

PHASE 2: Enforcement for non-target composite buildings within the scope of the Ordinance.

6. How to Comply with the Fire Safety Measures
(a) Fire Safety Directions
The Fire Safety Directions will make sure that the Fire Services Department has the right to inspect buildings to enforce the requirements of fire safety measures to the owners/occupiers.

(b) Requirements on Fire Service Installations and Equipment:

For complying with the Fire Safety Directions, building owners may refer to the "Guidebook for the Compliance of Fire Safety Directions of the Fire Services Department" (B. F. 391/02) available from the following website of the Fire Services Department (FSD):

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7. Assistance for Owners
(a) Technical Assistance
The Fire Safety Improvement Works as Required by Law on the following FSD webpage:

(b) Financial Assistance for Elderly Owner-occupiers:
 Owners may also apply for loans under the "Building Safety Loan Scheme" administered by the Urban Renewal Authority. For details, please call the hotline at telephone No. 2626 1579 or visit the website at http://www.hkhs.com/en/our-business/building-maintenance/built-safety/corporate-financial-assistance.

(c) Enforcement Measures
If an owner/occupier fails to comply with a Fire Safety Direction:

- If the owner/occupier is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of $250,000 and to imprisonment for 3 years and
- To a further fine of $5,000 for each day of non-compliance.

If an owner/occupier fails to comply with a Fire Safety Direction:

- If the owner/occupier is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of $50,000 and
- To a further fine of $2,500 for each day of non-compliance.

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