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## Means of Escape editorial input from the perspective of the FRA and assessor

As a result of the comments and content made within Hackitt and the general acceptance that more is needed both in terms of the content of future Fire Risk Assessments and the appreciations by the assessor of what information is needed to be given to the responsible person there is now more than ever before a need for an understanding of the reactions and appreciations of people in a fire situation and the use of photoluminescent tape/paint.

In anything more than a modest fire almost everyone will be looking at the floor and not up to the ceiling/roof of the site as the floor area will be where there is both the least amount of smoke and the cleanest air.

Thus when considering evacuation planning and what people will actually do in a real time fire more and greater understanding of the use of Jalite photoluminescent tape and paint is critical, especially in non sedentary environments – workshops and storage areas.

With more technical direction deemed necessary in FRA provision and a need for real time understanding of a client's needs that are directly relevant to their business activities then the use of this type of tape and paint on gantry areas, escape ladders, stairways and floors is vital and should be more considered both within the FRA and also by the incumbent contractor as being both relevant and fit for purpose.

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