

Fire protection warden, courses:

BOKU internal regulation.

The university management attaches great importance to having sufficiently well-trained people. We aim to ensure that a sufficient number of people complete the 6-hour course. A course to become a fire protection warden also brings a lot more security in private life.

According to estimations, the BOKU needs around 200 committed **fire protection wardens** to ensure optimal employee protection, correct help if necessary and to achieve a high level of prevention against fire sources on site.

There are no legal requirements for the number of fire protection wardens like the regulations as for first aiders. The following occupation would be at least desirable at BOKU:

Rules of thumb:

- In all large buildings (e.g., Muthgasse) there should be one fire protection warden attendant per floor. Depending on the building situation, the fire protection wardens should be responsible for an area of up to 1000 m². The aim is to have sufficient fire protection wardens at all workplaces at BOKU.
- In workplaces (welding and soldering work) where is a risk of explosion from dust clouds (sugar, flour, wood dust, plastic, artificial fertilizer) or other explosive chemicals a person responsible for fire safety should be on-site.

Legal basis ASchG §25 and ASTV §43

Duties of the fire protection wardens:

The fire protection wardens have to ensure that preventive occupational accidents caused by fire or explosion can be avoided through advice and motivation of the employees in cooperation with the security officers and the safety experts of BOKU.

In case of an accident or during evacuation exercises, they should be actively equipped with safety vests, react appropriately and properly, and support colleagues to find the right escape route and assembly point.

The fire protection wardens should test the functionality of the fire protection doors every 2 months and check the test labels on the fire extinguishers within his / her area.

Courses:

The BOKU bears the course costs for everyone who is willing to be a **fire protection warden** for at least for 2 years and have an official service contract (doctoral candidates can be considered if they have long enough contracts).

The BOKU strive to offer enough on-site courses at the 3 main BOKU locations (Türkenschanze, Muthgasse and Tulln). Since the courses are offered with a maximum number of 25 participants, we ask you to register by sending an email to sicherheitsfachkraft@boku.ac.at. If we have sufficient registrations, we're try to organize the courses as quick as possible.