

PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM ARSON ATTACKS



Remove combustible material such as packaging, pallets and rubbish into safe storage, until it can be properly disposed of. Safe storage means metal bins with lockable lids, either in secure bin compounds or sited away from other buildings to mitigate fire spread.



Encourage employees to report suspicious behaviour, including unauthorised access, unexplained fires and property damage. Record these incidents and notify the appropriate authorities. Good neighbours inform others of activity which has cause for concern.



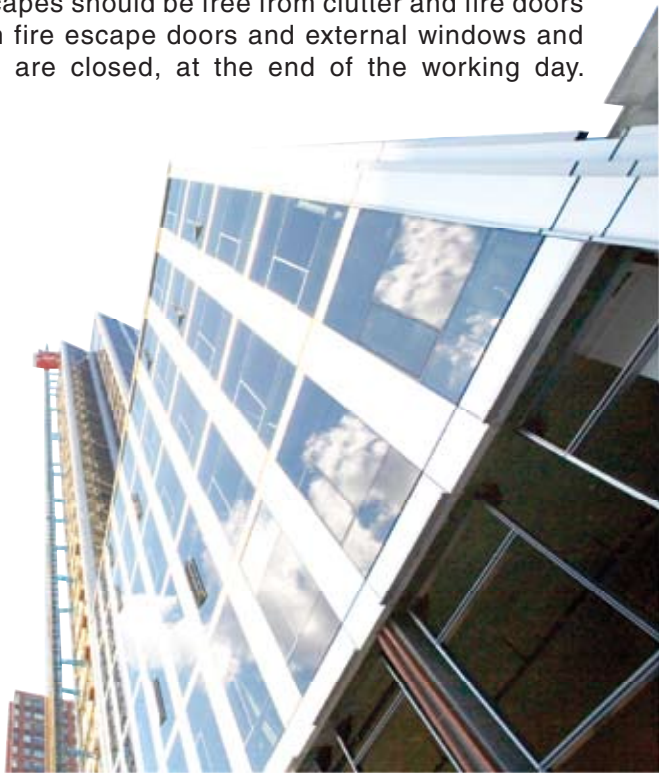
Check security measures to ensure they form an effective barrier against unauthorised access. Perimeter fencing should be intact and locks on ground floor doors and windows in good working order. Cover any gaps under external doors and fit a metal mailbox.



Check the fire detection system, sprinkler installation and fire extinguishers. Fire escapes should be free from clutter and fire doors unlocked. Lock all non fire escape doors and external windows and ensure internal doors are closed, at the end of the working day.

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PROTECT YOUR EMPLOYEES AND PREMISES FROM FIRE



From 1st October 2006, Fire Certificates were abolished and the responsibility for fire safety rests with employers. Employers have a legal responsibility to carry out a fire risk assessment to ensure the safety of everyone who uses their premises.



General fire precautions to consider are: fire detection and warning systems, a means for fighting a small fire, safe routes for people to leave the premises, suitable fire exit doors, adequate lighting, suitable safety signs and training for staff.



The Fire & Rescue Service is responsible for enforcing the new law. It carries out regular inspections with top priority going to those premises presenting most risk to the community. Failure to comply could lead to enforcement action or even prosecution.



For further assistance refer to: **A Short Guide to Making your Premises Safe From Fire**, available online at: www.fire.gov.uk or from the Department of Communities and Local Government at DCLG Publications, PO Box 236, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7NB.

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