

Arson Risk Assessment and Prevention - for Schools

Don't become an arson statistic!

20 schools a week suffer an arson attack in the UK. A third of these happen during normal school hours. Around 90,000 children are affected by school arson each year¹.

School fires cost over £80 million in insured damages each year¹.



¹ Arson Prevention Bureau website May 2008

Construction	Yes	No
1. Is your school system-built, with extensive use of lightweight materials or timber construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the school built with traditional non-combustible materials i.e. bricks and mortar?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Are there any outbuildings such as storage sheds?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are outbuildings well away from main buildings and kept locked/secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Are there any de-mountable buildings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are de-mountable buildings in good repair and kept locked/secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Signal Crime	Yes	No
1. Have you suffered more than 2 arson attacks in the past 3 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you suffered more than 10 incidences of vandalism in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you experienced more than 5 incidences of theft or break-ins during the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are there any pupils/students who have a fire-setting history/background or who have been diagnosed with serious behavioural problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a history of vandalism or fire setting in the area around the premises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is trespass a problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Security	Yes	No
1. Are the school perimeter and grounds monitored by a Closed Circuit TV system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If yes, are the pictures of suitable quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is security lighting provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are the school perimeter and grounds secure from public access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is the external perimeter of the school building (doors/window/roofs) secure and not vulnerable to intruders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are all parts of the school perimeter observed easily by surrounding houses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there alcoves around the building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Is the boundary fence in good order and at least 2 metres in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is there a boiler house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Is it properly secured at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Is there a plant room?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Security cont.	Yes	No
12. Is it properly secured at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. Is fuel kept outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14. Is the premises fitted with a fully operational intruder alarm with a monitored link to an alarm receiving station?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15. Are management and staff at the school aware of the need for effective visitor monitoring, key security and locking procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Is a good closing down regime carried out at the end of each day?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Are the school premises regularly patrolled by an external security service, with communication links to a central monitoring station?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Waste removal	Yes	No
1. Are waste bins or other containers holding combustible materials kept in a secure compound away from the main school building(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. If not, are bins locked or secured in such a way that they cannot be moved and placed against the building(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Are bin lids locked when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Is all rubbish placed in the bins?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Are there litter bins in the grounds?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are litter bins sited away from the main school building(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Are litter bins emptied regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

To reduce the risk of an arson attack any of the highlighted areas receiving a tick will require a control measure to be put in place. The outcomes of this arson risk assessment should be included in the overall fire risk assessment and action plan for the school.

Fire Safety Management

	Yes	No
1. Is your school fitted with an automatic sprinkler system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is your school fitted with an automatic fire detection system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the sprinkler and/or fire detection system linked to a central receiving station?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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