



**Cheshire**  
Fire & Rescue Service

# PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM ARSON

## Don't become a victim

### What to look for:

Small fires, antisocial behaviour, vandalism or fly tipping - these could all be signs of worse crime to come. Liaise with your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and ask your staff to report any suspicious activity to you.



# What to do

## Most attacks happen at night so make sure:

- Your building is secure
- All fire doors and all windows are closed
- Your alarm system is activated
- Any waste is either inside or in a lockable bin, which is stored away from the building where possible
- Security lighting is on and day gate locked

## Keep your fire risk assessment up to date:

- Ensure that you test any detection equipment you may have
- Test and service extinguishers and sprinkler systems
- Download our free Fire Safety Logbook from our website
- Follow us on twitter and facebook for up to the minute information on incidents in your area - details are on the back of this leaflet

Of the **875 fires in non-domestic premises (commercial and public buildings)**, in the five year period between 2014/15 and 2019/20, **217 fires (24.8 per cent)** were due to **arson**.

## Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service is the Enforcing Authority for the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in Cheshire.

A dedicated Business Safety team actively works with businesses to ensure they are compliant with the above legislation, and ensure they stay safe from the risk of fire. The team regularly works with the business community signposting the “responsible person” to free templates and guidance documents on our website:

[www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/business-safety](http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/business-safety)

For further information, contact us:

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# Arson Checklist

Signal Crime	Yes	No
1. Is there a history of vandalism or fire setting in the area around the premises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are there serious crime problems in the locality of your business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you suffered more than two arson attacks in the past three years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you suffered more than 10 incidences of vandalism in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you experienced more than five incidences of theft or break-ins during the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Security	Yes	No
6. Is security lighting provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is a CCTV system installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are all external doors, rooflights and windows secured out of business hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do letter boxes have metal containers on the inside to contain lighted rags, paper or fireworks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do staff monitor customer or visitor movements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Waste Management Removal	Yes	No
11. Is waste regularly removed by the local authority or a contractor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Are waste containers locked when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Are waste containers secured so they cannot be moved and placed against the property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fire Safety Management	Yes	No
14. Is your business fitted with smoke alarms or other means to give early warning of fire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Any of the highlighted areas receiving a tick will require a control measure to be put in place to reduce the risk of an arson attack.**

## Keep up to date with what is happening in Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service:



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## For **FREE business fire safety advice**, visit our website or contact your local **Protection team**:

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