

School Safe

The governing body and the head teacher are responsible for the day-to-day running of the school and the management of all systems including those for fire safety.

FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS

- The estimated cost of school fires in the UK was £85.5M in 2006
- 75% of school fires are the result of arson.
- Children in the age group 10–16 are responsible for 50% of all deliberately-set fires in schools.
- Pupils and ex-pupils are generally responsible for deliberately-set school fires.
- Each year for the past four years HFRS attended an average 180 calls to fires in or on school premises.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE THE RISK

Good housekeeping is the key to reducing the risk of arson at your school. HFRS will work with you to assess the risk and, where necessary, will recommend actions you can take to reduce it. Things to look out for:

- Litter
- Graffiti
- Minor and major break-ins
- Minor arson incidents

The schools arson audit covers the following areas;

- Entry onto premises
- Entry into buildings
- Opportunity to start a fire
- Scope to start a fire



Arson Checklist

Deter unauthorised entry onto premise:

	Satisfactory			Remarks
	Yes	NO	N/A	
1. Hedges, fences, gates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. External lighting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. CCTV surveillance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. School staffing levels (holidays, days nights).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does any member of staff live on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deter unauthorised entry into buildings:

1. Doors and windows secured.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Condition of doors and windows.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Low-level glazing - toughened glass.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Intruder alarms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Neighbourhood watch patrol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Roof lights and window.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reduce opportunity for offenders to start a fire:

1. Refuse containers in secure compound.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Containers 8m from buildings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Recycling bins 8m from buildings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Containers chained or secured.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Storage sheds secured.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Refuse bins emptied regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Security precautions for oil, gas and LPG.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reduce scope for fire:

1. Storage of flammable materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. High value equipment in secure places.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Programme for contractors on site (safe storage of flammables, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Repairs and maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

School: _____
School representative: _____
Date Inspected: _____