

FIRE PREVENTION

AS AN EMPLOYEE YOU PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN IDENTIFYING AND MINIMISING FIRE HAZARDS.

COST OF FIRE (FIRE KILLS)



In the **UK in 2014** the fire and rescue services attended over **7,000 FIRES IN NON-DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.**



1,000 were injured and **17** people lost their lives as a result.

These figures combined with the estimated financial consequence of fire, thought to be **over 2 billion**, make it clear that the cost of neglecting fire safety can be significant.

RISK ASSESSMENT



Fire safety is covered by law

Your employer is required to carry out fire safety risk assessments and keep them up to date.



Based on the findings of the assessments, your employer will make sure appropriate fire safety measures are in place.

By assessing what could cause a fire to start, such as substances that burn, and identifying the people who would be at risk, employers can help prevent fires and incidents occurring.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT FIRE?

As an employee the actions you take play a big part in keeping your workplace safe. Here are some simple ways you can help prevent fires everyday:

DO

Report any fire hazards you spot



DO

Make sure fire doors are kept fully closed when not in use



DO

Report any missing or damaged fire equipment immediately



DO

Comply with the company smoking policy



DO NOT

Block fire doors, fire exits, fire extinguishers or emergency routes



DO NOT

Store combustible materials next to an ignition source



DO NOT

Bring unauthorised electrical equipment into work



HOUSE KEEPING PRACTICES

Good housekeeping is actually one of the best fire prevention methods and all employees can help to prevent fires by adopting a common sense attitude to fire safety.

Here are some simple rules you can follow:

Prevent the build-up of combustible materials by removing rubbish and emptying bins regularly preventing overflow.



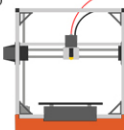
Any cardboard or wood should be removed from the work environment as soon as possible and shouldn't be stored or allowed to pile up.



Regularly inspect any electrical equipment and cords for damage or overloaded outlets.



Make sure you keep areas around machines clear of combustibles.



Faulty appliances and leads account for 25% of workplace fires so it's really important you manage them correctly.



TAKEAWAY

Don't let your future go up in smoke – be aware and help prevent fires in your workplace. Remember - nothing you do is worth getting hurt for.



COMMITMENT TO WORK SAFELY

What are you going to do differently to stay safe at work?