









## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

We have been supplying the best possible fire safety protection to businesses around the UK since 1992. Working across many industries, including facilities management, our highly-qualified technicians, engineers and support teams are acutely aware of legal requirements and work alongside customers to ensure needs are met and compliance is upheld.

Fire protection is an essential aspect of facilities management that cannot afford to be overlooked. The safety of lives and buildings is vitally important in the industry, with responsibilities lying with both the management company and tenants of the property.

## MANAGE FIRE SAFETY RISKS

A fire safety management system can significantly reduce risks and minimise the potential effects of fire.

A fire risk assessment in place will identify any risks that need addressing and should be your first port of call when putting your fire safety plan in place. This assessment must be carried out by what is known in the industry as a 'competent person'. This is a service we can provide at Churches Fire & Security to help you effectively manage fire safety risks in your business.

### STAY COMPLIANT

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 outlines the legal requirements for fire safety in the United Kingdom. A fire risk assessment is mandatory under this Order and must be documented to ensure compliance.

### REGULAR INSPECTION

Due to the large number of tenants living in one area, issues with blocked fire exits or vandalism can arise. This can result in unintentional violations of the fire safety measures in place, putting people and buildings at risk.



# TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



These common points should be addressed to safeguard the property under your management. A fire risk assessment will further highlight areas that require attention.

### **5** Fire Evacuation Procedure

A comprehensive fire evacuation procedure must be in place, and communicated to tenants of the building. This can prevent confusion in the event of an emergency.

### **b** Fire Evacuation Drills

Make sure your fire evacuation drill is adequate by carrying out drills, preferably unannounced. This is the best way to test the plan and make sure the responsible people are aware of their duties in an emergency.

### Joint Responsibility

Generally, property managers are responsible for communal areas, but tenants also have a duty to maintain the safety of the building. Make sure everyone is aware of who is responsible for contacting the fire brigade in an emergency.

#### Fire Safety Maintenance

Periodically test and inspect fire safety equipment and be sure a record of this is kept to show compliance. Fire alarm system and emergency light testing should be carried out by a suitably trained individual, with equipment such as fire extinguishers, dry riser mains and sprinkler systems requiring inspection by a third-party accredited fire safety services provider, such as Churches Fire & Security.



Our nationally positioned technicians, commitment to customer service and continued improvement plans provides businesses with a service they can trust and rely on.







