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Fire safety checklist

The following are all things to consider that will help you mitigate the risk of a fire starting/spreading, raise the alarm and ensure your members can escape quickly and safely should they need to do so.

If you answer 'NO' to most of the below, you may need to seek some professional advice. Please speak to your usual team at Sutton Winson who can advise you further.

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1.	Has your fire risk assessment being reviewed within the past 12 months?			
2.	Is your club premises built of standard materials (brick/concrete block, concrete floors, pitched tile/ slate roof)?			
3.	Does your club premises have a fixed heating installation which is serviced and maintained (rather than needing portable electric or gas heaters)?			
4.	Do you avoid provision or the need for any sleeping accommodation on the premises?			
5.	Has your fixed electrical wiring installation been subject to a thorough examination and test within the past 5 years by a competent electrical contractor?			
6.	Do you arrange periodical testing of portable electrical appliances (known as 'PAT' testing)?			
7.	Is there suitable control over trailing electrical leads and cables?			
8.	Are you able to avoid the need to use extension leads in multiple places?			
9.	Is smoking prohibited on the premises and is there a designated area for smokers?			
10.	Does basic security against arson appear reasonable?			
11.	Is there an absence of unnecessary fire loads in close proximity to the building (such as pallets, wheelie-bins, etc.)?			
12.	If there is cooking/frying on the premises, are filters cleaned or changed and ductwork cleaned regularly?			
13.	Do you have appropriate fire extinguishers and a fire blanket in the club kitchen?			
14.	If your club is located in an exposed or elevated area, does the building benefit from lightning protection?			
15.	Is there appropriate storage facilities for any flammable liquids, paints, varnishes or aerosols (such as a 'flammables cabinet')?			

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- 16. Do you keep accumulation of waste, packaging or other combustible materials that are inside the premises to a minimum?
- 17. Do you make checks on any contractors planning works on the building (references, insurance, risk assessment, method statement, etc.)?
- 18. Could you have more than 60 occupants within a room in the club which has just a single exit?
- 19. Do your fire exit doors open easily and in the direction of travel, ie. outwards?
- 20. Do you make regular checks on your fire doors to ensure they are undamaged, fully self-closing, with smoke seals and intumescent strips in good condition?
- 21. Are fire exit doors leading out of the building always unlocked during times of occupation, and kept clear of obstruction?
- 22 Are fire exit routes well lit, and kept clear of obstructions or slip/trip hazards?
- 23. Have you ensured that walls and ceilings provide good compartmentation (ie. with no service pipes or cables penetrating through which might allow a fire to spread)?
- 24. Do you have emergency lighting, and if so are you carrying out 'flick tests' on a monthly basis?
- Do you have all your fire signage in place 'Fire Action' notices, 'Fire Exit' signs above appropriate
 25. doors, 'No Smoking' signs at the building entrance, and signs supporting fire extinguishers and manual call points?
- 26. Do you have a fire alarm?
- 27. If you have a fire alarm, are call points tested weekly, and is the system serviced on a 6-monthly basis?
- 28. Is the assembly point clearly identified and known to all staff and members?
- 29. Do you have fire extinguishers around the premises and are they easily accessible and not obscured, checked regularly and serviced annually?
- 30. Do you have a documented fire emergency procedures?
- 31. Have you conducted a fire drill within the past 6 months?
- 32. Do you have procedures for the safe evacuation of any disabled occupants (particularly if your premises is more than single-storey)?
- 33. Have your staff had any fire safety training?
- 34. Have you trained and appointed fire wardens/fire marshals to assist in evacuating the premises in an emergency?
- **35.** Do you keep adequate records of fire drills, fire training, fire alarm tests, fire extinguisher checks, false alarms, emergency lighting tests?

