



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

# Arson

Protect your business

Many businesses never reopen after a fire.

The biggest cause of fire in shops and retail premises is someone deliberately starting a fire - arson.

You can protect your business from arson at low cost.

## The effects of arson

- Loss of income, stock and/or business
- Loss of skilled employees as they find alternative employment.
- Loss of important documents like records, invoices and plans.
- Loss of difficult-to-replace specialist equipment.
- Damage to the visual environment and natural environment.
- Community impact.



## Top Tips



Make a good plan for closing up the premises at the end of the day and nominate someone who will secure the building and deal with any risks before close of business.



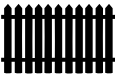
Stay friendly with nearby businesses and residents, they are your eyes and ears.



Empty skips and bins regularly and keep them at least five metres away from the building, particularly windows, doors and escape routes.



Windows and doors should be fitted with strong locks and roller shutter. See the Nottinghamshire Police website for more advice on security. <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice>



Fencing will help secure your premises. It should be at least 1.8m high, dependant on local circumstances, crime risk and the security system chosen.



CCTV camera, intruder alarms and lighting are all good ways to prevent crime, but take expert advice before buying.



Cut back bushes and trees regularly so they do not get too close to your premises. This will help to limit fire spread.

## Further Information

- If you've had a threat of arson, you should in the first instance call the Police. The Police will give you a crime number, and may refer you to us to help take steps to reduce the associated risks. See our website for more information on Arson Reduction:

<https://www.notts-fire.gov.uk/BusinessSafety/Pages/Arson-Guidance.aspx>

- If you see something that concerns you, you can report it anonymously through Crimestoppers:



- Go to [www.securebydesign.com](http://www.securebydesign.com) for more information on how to keep your premises safe.

## What you have to do - it's the law

If you manage or operate a business you will need to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

## Your responsibilities

- Carry out a fire risk assessment of the premises, review it regularly and ensure that it is held on the premises and is always available for inspection.
- Put in place and maintain fire safety measures identified by the fire risk assessment.
- Plan for an emergency and record your plan.
- Provide staff with information, instructions and training.

You can read about how to make sure your premises are safe from fire, using a short guide to making your premises safe from fire: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/14879/making-your-premises-safe-short-guide.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/14879/making-your-premises-safe-short-guide.pdf)

## Business Continuity

Major emergencies such as fires can happen quickly and without warning and can result in the loss of revenue, customers and even the collapse of a business. A Business Continuity plan can help protect your business and help you recover from an emergency as soon as possible after the event.

Visit the Local Resilience Forum for information on how to protect your business in case of an emergency: <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/site-page/emergency-planning-preparing-your-business>

Fire safety risk assessment	
<b>1</b>	<b>Identify fire hazards</b> Identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sources of ignition;</li> <li>• sources of fuel; and</li> <li>• sources of oxygen.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Identify people at risk</b> Identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• people in and around the premises; and</li> <li>• people who are especially at risk.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Evaluate, remove or reduce, and protect from risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate the risk of a fire starting.</li> <li>• Evaluate the risk to people from a fire.</li> <li>• Remove or reduce fire hazards.</li> <li>• Remove or reduce the risks to people from a fire.</li> <li>• Protect people by providing fire precautions.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Record, plan, inform, instruct, and train</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record any major findings and action you have taken.</li> <li>• Discuss and work with other responsible people.</li> <li>• Prepare an emergency plan.</li> <li>• Inform and instruct relevant people.</li> <li>• Provide training.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review your fire-risk assessment regularly.</li> <li>• Make changes where necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>Remember to review your fire-risk assessment regularly.</b>	

# How to Contact Us

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