



Fire Safety Advice

Business Re-Opening & Outdoor Dining

Welcome Back

• General

- Do review the Fire Safety Assessment of your premises.
- Appoint a person responsible for fire safety on the premises.
- Ensure the escape plan is and up to date and fire drills /evacuation exercises are regularly undertaken.
- Ensure all staff training (new & existing) is completed and current.
- Hand Sanitizer (>60% Alcohol) can be highly flammable. Ensure it is stored safely and away from any heat sources.



• Premises Fire Safety Register

- Ensure the premises have a Fire Safety Register. This is YOUR record of Fire Safety precautions undertaken.
- Record all daily/weekly/monthly fire safety checks for the premises
- Ensure it is available on site for inspection by a Fire Officer.

• Escape Routes & Exits

- Check that all escape routes are clear and free from obstructions.
- Check that all fire doors close correctly and are not wedged open.
- Check that fastenings on all doors along escape routes operate correctly.
- Ensure any Covid-19 related building works such as;
 - Extensions
 - Premises Alterations
 - New Outdoor Dining layouts and changes
 - Marquees



have not impacted or blocked existing escape routes. A new Fire Safety Certificate may be required.
If in doubt seek advice from Louth County Council Fire & Rescue.

• Fire Detection & Alarm Systems

- Complete daily/weekly inspection of the Fire Detection & Alarm System and ensure all defects identified are addressed.
- Ensure the Fire Detection & Alarm System is serviced and certified 4 times a year in accordance with the Irish Standard **(IS 3218)**.
- A service certificate must be beside the main fire panel.





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• Emergency Lighting System

- Complete daily/weekly inspections of the Emergency Lighting System and ensure all defects identified are addressed.
- Ensure the system has a Central Test Unit (CTU) at the fuse board.
- Ensure the Emergency Lighting System is serviced and certified 4 times a year in accordance with the applicable Irish Standard **(IS 3217)**



• Portable Fire Extinguishers

- Ensure monthly visual check on all Portable Fire Extinguishers.
- Portable Fire Extinguishers must be serviced and certified annually in accordance with the applicable Irish Standard **(IS 291)**.
- Ensure staff are appropriately trained to use them.



• Building Services

- Ensure that all electrical, heating and gas installations are inspected and serviced at required intervals in accordance with the applicable Irish Standards.
- Ensure any fixed Fire Suppression Systems are serviced and certified at appropriate intervals in accordance with the applicable Irish Standards.
- Ensure any new furnishings and fittings comply with current European and fire safety standards.
- Ensure any electrical items, equipment or machinery purchased is **(CE)** marked for European Safety Standards.



KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FIRE SERVICES ACT 1981 & 2003

COVID-19 RELATED WORKS MUST COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING CONTROL REGS AND THE BUILDING REGS

For additional information and guidance  Louth Fire Prevention 1890 202 303