

# Arson and accidental fire

## Safety checklists to help manage your risks

<b>Arson</b>	<b>1. Monitor Access:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the place of worship is open, have a professional or volunteer caretaker on site</li> <li>Keep the buildings locked at night</li> <li>Never hide or leave keys on the premises</li> <li>Encourage volunteers/members to visit regularly, especially mid week</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Report any suspicious activity:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report anything unusual to the police, for example: groups of youth loitering around building, broken windows, small garbage fires, graffiti</li> </ul>
	<b>3. Remove obstructions around the perimeter:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trim shrubs, trees and remove anything that can conceal criminals</li> <li>Keep garbage bins away from buildings; wheelie bins are commonly used as a means to gain unauthorised access and can be used as a means of lighting fires</li> <li>Remove beer/liquor bottles and other signs of loitering</li> </ul>
	<b>4. Install security lighting:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use perimeter floodlights outside and motion activated lights at doors/windows</li> <li>Make sure that some interior lights are visible from the outside</li> <li>Vary the location of interior lights by using timers</li> </ul>
	<b>5. Install fire and intrusion alarms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have alarms linked to a central monitoring service</li> <li>Have appropriate smoke detection and fire extinguishers in place and ensure statutory maintenance programs are in place</li> </ul>
	<b>6. Secure windows:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure that locks are sturdy and designed to resist damage</li> <li>Keep windows closed and locked when buildings are unoccupied</li> </ul>
	<b>7. Lock up outbuildings and/or sheds:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove or lock up ladders and tools and other items that allow intruders to access the buildings</li> </ul>
	<b>8. Remove combustible materials:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not store acylide or enamel paints, cleaning fluids and other flammable liquids</li> <li>Remove old newspapers, candles, etc.</li> <li>Keep matches and/or lighters locked away</li> <li>Install a sheet metal security container inside the door under the mail slot</li> </ul>

<b>General Fire</b>	<b>1. Maintain candle safety:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep candles three feet away from combustibles, place votive candles in a metal tray</li> <li>Never leave burning candles unattended</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Inspect electrical equipment on a regular basis:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The law requires that you hire qualified Electricians to repair wiring or fittings, and to install or remove electrical equipment</li> <li>Have a testing and tagging program for all equipment</li> </ul>
	<b>3. Maintain landscaping:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear guttering, mow lawns and remove any tree litter or similar combustible material on a regular basis</li> </ul>

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