



NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Coronavirus Update

As a Fire and Rescue Service we are very aware of the additional pressures and challenges that we are all facing at this time.

We would like to you reassure you that we are still here to help. We've provided some guidance below that we hope you find helpful. In addition, there's lots of advice on our website www.northyorksfire.gov.uk . If you have any specific queries or concerns, there is also the facility to ask a question via the website.

Evacuation procedures and staff training/awareness.

- Think about what you will do in the event of fire.
- Ensure your evacuation procedures are reviewed to reflect any changes in staffing.
- Make sure that all staff, including temporary workers, are familiar with actions to take in the event of fire.
- Sufficient staff should be available to implement your evacuation plan.
- Staff should also be reminded of basic fire awareness and the need to reduce risks wherever possible.

Importance of a working fire alarm.

- The importance of a working fire alarm cannot be overstated. It is your eyes and ears, particularly at night time!

Importance of keeping fire doors shut.

- Fire doors are crucial for keeping fire contained to the room of origin.
- By keeping fire doors shut, you will stop fire and smoke spreading through your building allowing you time to evacuate your residents.

General housekeeping/management of risk (electrical, cooking, laundry etc).

- The best way to stay safe from fire is to avoid having one in the first place. Simple actions to reduce the risk of fire in your business could include:
 - switching electrical appliances off when not in use
 - good housekeeping
 - having a safe smoking policy
 - reducing the storage of combustible items
 - restricting the use of portable heaters.
 - Ensuring electrical sockets are not overloaded

Fire Risk Assessment review.

- Whatever changes you are having to make in your premises, make sure you review your fire risk assessment to ensure you keep everyone safe from fire!