



MERSEYSIDE
FIRE & RESCUE
SERVICE

Is your takeaway
**TOO HOT TO
HANDLE?**

**TOP TIPS TO KEEP YOUR
BUSINESS FREE FROM FIRE.**

WHAT MUST I DO?

Did you know

86%

of businesses that have a fire never recover from it?

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 makes **YOU** responsible for taking steps to protect the people using your premises from the risk of fire. If you don't take fire safety seriously, your business could be shut down and you could be prosecuted.

This leaflet will help you put measures in place to not only prevent your business from fire, but to protect it and those inside it should a fire occur.

Make sure you complete a Fire Risk Assessment.

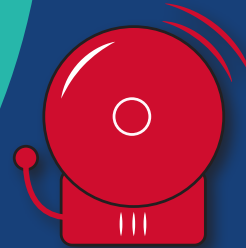
A fire risk assessment is a thorough look at your premises and the people who are likely to use them. It considers the risk of fire breaking out and what measures you need to put in place to prevent it and keep people safe.

Follow these key steps:

- STEP 1** Identify fire hazards
- STEP 2** Identify people at risk
- STEP 3** Evaluate, remove or reduce and protect from risk
- STEP 4** Record, plan, inform, instruct and train
- STEP 5** Review your fire risk assessment regularly



Between 2015 and 2021, our firefighters attended 491 incidents in Merseyside takeaways. Don't become a statistic. Follow these top tips to protect your business...



1. Fit an alarm to provide early warning in case of fire



2. Keep escape routes clear of obstructions & things that can burn



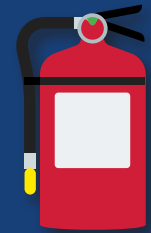
3. Keep fire exits unlocked



4. NEVER wedge open a fire door or remove a door closing device



5. Enclose staircases with fire resisting construction to ensure all exit routes are safe



6. Make sure firefighting equipment is maintained

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Do you have a fire action plan?

This must (where appropriate) include the following features:

- What you do on discovering a fire.
- Warning if there is a fire - how will you, staff and customers be alerted to a fire?
- Calling the Fire & Rescue Service - in the event of a fire, **get out, stay out and call 999 immediately.**
- Evacuation of the premises, including those particularly at risk. What steps need to be taken to isolate power?
- Places of assembly and roll call - you need to select a safe place where you can check everyone is present following evacuation.
- Liaison with emergency services and identification of key escape routes.
- The firefighting equipment provided.
- Specific responsibilities in the event of a fire - do any of your staff need training on what to do?
- Provision of information to relevant persons.

How we can help...

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service is committed to improving fire safety standards in business premises and works closely with local authorities in order to do this. If you need help in getting your business up to standard, please get in touch.

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