

TOP TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

A GUIDE TO FIRE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

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Introduction

A school, just like any other building, needs to have appropriate fire safety measures in place. After all, it is a building lined with electrical wiring with a constant gas supply that happens to house hundreds of people. Even the slightest fault could very well create a catastrophe.

Hence, to avoid such a thing from ever happening, you need to ensure that the correct and necessary fire safety measures are deployed in schools. A single fire in a crowded school building could create panic and many other issues, making fire safety highly important in any school.

Evacuation Plans

With hundreds of people running around hysterically, the chances of dealing with a fire in an orderly manner are next to none. Controlling a sudden fire will become much harder if people react to it with unregulated fear and no management whatsoever. You need to protect your school from that occurring with concrete evacuation plans.

The evacuation plans need to be detailed and implemented by training everyone in the school about how to react to a fire or an emergency. Only with detailed and defined evacuation plans that everyone is made aware of, can you control the situation.

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Fire Drills

Tying in with evacuation plans, fire drills are a necessary aspect of preparing the school for the possibility of a fire. Fire drills are organised to let people know how they are supposed to act and evacuate the building if a fire breaks out. Hence, they need to be focused and carried out in detail to let each individual know what they must do to save their lives.

Try to get expert help on conducting fire drills. Not only will they make the evacuation clearer, but will also be able to provide various helpful tips.

Install Fire Rated Roller Shutters

If a fire starts in any area of the school, the first course of action would be to control it from spreading. You do not want to wait on the firefighters while more and more of the school is damaged from the encroaching fire. There need to be some measures in place to control the fire's spread, and the best thing to do is to install fire rated roller shutters.

These shutters will fall in case of a fire and will contain the fire inside specific rooms, preventing the fire from spreading and damaging more of the school building. It is a measure that contains and protects, giving emergency services more time to react and save the structure of the building.

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Install Sprinkler Systems

A fire in a school is not something a human being can contain on their own, unless they are right next to it when the flames come to life. However, that lack of human presence can be resurrected with machines that are built to react and extinguish the fire. A sprinkler system allows you just that.

The sprinklers go on as soon as an alarm system senses smoke. Furthermore, the sprinklers will only turn on in the area with the fire, offering an effective way of extinguishing the flames before they can spread and cause serious damage.

Have Fire Safety Officers

The confusion and fear caused by fire results in most evacuations being quite haphazard and erratic. There needs to be a measure of control in place, some calm heads who can sense the flow of the terrified crowd and helping to conduct evacuation in an orderly manner. Having fire safety officers on the site can help schools with exactly that.

Fire safety officers can offer their expertise no matter how confusing the situation, making them the perfect people to trust during a fire. They can guide the crowd and restore a sense of calm that would generally seem impossible.

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Have Fire Extinguishers Ready

This may seem like an obvious thing to do, but it cannot be stressed upon enough. Having fire extinguishers readily available to people ensures that fires can be controlled and extinguished before they can turn for the worst, into something hard to control.

Having multiple people using fire extinguishers against a fire increases the chances of putting it out as it spreads. Fire extinguishers might be basic fire safety equipment, but their presence is necessary.

Do you need help improving the fire safety strategy of your school?

Get in touch with our team today and we'll be able to recommend some top tips that will help to protect your school from fire and smoke.

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