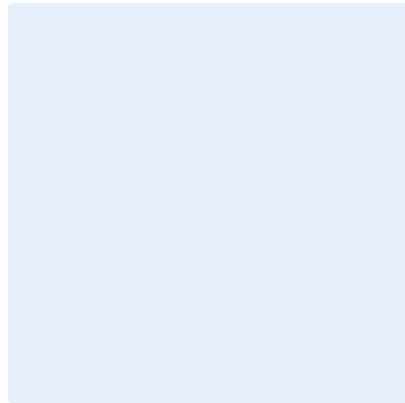
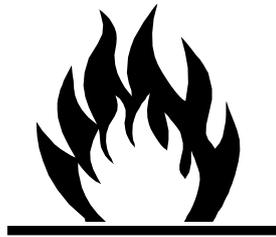




Location: Ferintosh Parish Church Hall
High Street
Conon Bridge



FIRE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT



Introduction

This form is designed to assist you to complete a Fire Risk Assessment for your church.

- A risk is defined as "the potential for a fire to occur (likelihood) and cause injury, death, or damage (impact).

A Fire Risk Assessment is a methodical review of your church premises, the activities carried on there and the likelihood that a fire could start and cause harm to those in and around the premises.

The requirements relating to general fire safety are covered by the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, supported by the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006. If you have responsibility for your buildings through having control of them you are required to undertake a fire safety risk assessment. It shares the same approach as health and safety risk assessments and can be carried out either as part of an overall risk assessment or a separate exercise.

Based on the findings of the assessment you should take appropriate action as necessary. You must also review your fire risk assessment and regularly update it.

The fire safety risk assessment process involves evaluating and keeping under review, the existing fire safety measures to establish whether they are adequate or if more requires to be done. It is essentially a matter of applying common sense in consideration of the premises for which you have responsibility and identification of anything which could cause harm from fire.

There are 5 Steps in the Process and this form takes you through each of them: 1) identify the people at risk; 2) Identify the fire hazards; 3) evaluate the risk and decide if the existing fire safety measures are adequate; 4) record the fire safety risk assessment actions and information; 5) review the fire safety risk assessment regularly.

Fire safety law requires information to be recorded where five or more employees are employed; or the premises are subject to licensing or registration; or an alteration notice has been issued by an enforcing authority requiring this. We would however always recommend it is recorded in writing and this form can be used for that purpose. If however you do not feel sufficiently confident/competent to undertake the fire safety risk assessment you may wish to commission a fire safety specialist.

Emergency Plan

The findings of the fire safety risk assessment should be used to prepare an emergency plan. The plan should set out, what to do in case of fire, identify the escape routes, where to assemble and how to contact the Fire and Rescue Service. The fire safety equipment and any equipment that provides a possible ignition source (e.g. cooking, electrical appliances, fixed wiring etc.) should be regularly maintained to reduce the chance of fire and the risk to people. Frequent checks should also be made to make sure that the storage of materials, especially flammable materials, does not increase the risk of fire or prevent the use of escape routes. It is important that all persons using the church know what to do if a fire does occur. To make sure that the emergency plan works regular fire drills should be carried out.

The 5 Step Guide to Fire Safety Risk Assessment

- 1 Identify people at risk
- 2 Identify the fire hazards
- 3 Evaluate, remove, reduce and protect from risk
- 4 Record, plan, inform, instruct and train
- 5 Review

FIRE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

DETAILS

Church Name:	Church of Scotland
Premises Name:	Ferintosh Parish Church Hall
Address:	High Street, Conon Bridge
Responsible Person:	Thomas MacGregor
Position:	Health & Safety Administrator
Date of Assessment:	August 2018
Carried out by:	Thomas MacGregor
Position:	Health & Safety Administrator

DESCRIPTION OF THE CHURCH

Step 1 - Identify People at Risk (& activities undertaken)

Brief details:	<p><i>Number of floors 1</i></p> <p>Approximate floor space: 269 m2</p> <p>The northern two thirds of the building is single block outer walls and internal partitions finished with paint. The southern third is timber frame and internal partitions finished with plaster board. The roof throughout has timber trusses internally finished with plaster board and externally clad with metal profile sheeting</p>
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Use of the Premises:	<p>The hall is used on Sundays as a Creche and as a place for the Sunday Club and Youth Group to meet. It is also used after the Church service for the provision on teas, coffees and light refreshments.</p> <p>The hall is also used at various times through the week by Church and community groups for a range of social activities.</p>
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NUMBERS USING THE BUILDINGS

Times in Use	Sunday Mornings and at various times of the day/night throughout the week
Total Number of Employees & Activities:	1 employee + volunteers. Activities mainly restricted to every Sunday
Capacity & Maximum Number of Persons Present at a Church Meeting or Service:	104 (Approximate)
Maximum Number of Persons Present at a Club or Concert or other activity:	50+ (Approximate)

OCCUPANTS/USERS ESPECIALLY AT RISK

Sleeping Occupants:	0
Disabled Occupants/Users:	Yes. Building may be used/ accessed by members of the public with a range of disabilities
Lone Workers:	Yes
Young Persons:	20 + (Approximate)
Contractors:	Yes

Step 2 - Identify Fire Hazards (Sources of Ignition)

Type	Comment	Are existing control measures sufficient?	
<p>Electrical appliances and wiring – what is the condition and inspection regime like, including leads, fuses, fixed wiring, lighting, projection, audio & office equipment, and mains switch gear?</p> <p><i>(Is your Fixed Wiring in good condition and tested? Date of last test? PAT (portable appliance testing completed)? Date of last test? Users requested to undertake visual inspection before using? Equipment subject to a regular formal inspection? Mains switch gear modern and in good condition?)</i></p>	<p>All electrical appliances are checked by users on a regular basis.</p> <p>All portable appliances have been tested.</p> <p>Fixed wiring in good condition</p>	YES	NO
<p>Cooking on the premises – what type of equipment do you have?</p> <p><i>(Any deep fat frying – are ducts & filters regularly cleaned; steam coffee making machine- is it subject to statutory inspection; do you have any gas cylinders are they stored outside securely; is the mains gas isolation valve accessible?)</i></p>	<p>Electric cooker in the kitchen, used to heat up food items for example, sausage rolls, soup etc,</p> <p>No gas cylinders stored on or near premises</p> <p>The is no mains gas piped into premises.</p>	YES	NO
<p>Heating & Ventilation Appliances – what type of equipment do you have?</p> <p><i>(If you have gas fired water and heating boilers are they regularly maintained and inspected? Do you have any portable heating? Is your heating guarded where needed? Are areas adequately ventilated? Is the boiler room locked and free from clutter and not used for storage?)</i></p>	<p>Electric heating.</p> <p>All heaters are switched off when building not in used.</p> <p>One heater in main hall left on a low setting.</p> <p>Heaters in creche have guards to prevent accidental burning.</p> <p>No portable heaters on premises</p>	YES	NO
<p>Naked Flames – do you use candles, oil lamps or incense?</p> <p><i>(Stored satisfactorily and always extinguished following use?)</i></p>	<p>Naked flames are not used on the premises</p>	YES	NO
<p>Smoking – is it prohibited and signs displayed?</p>	<p>Smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas of the Church hall and appropriate signage is in place</p>	YES	NO

<p>Housekeeping & Storage – are areas clean and tidy free from clutter?</p> <p><i>(Are the buildings and surrounds free from defects, clean and tidy?</i></p> <p><i>Do you have a clear and documented process for reporting defects and remedying them?</i></p> <p><i>What items do you store? Are they combustible? Are they stored under the correct conditions? Do you have any areas where there is an accumulation of items? Any paint or thinners or other inflammable items e.g. cleaning products?)</i></p>	<p>All Storage areas are in good order, kept clean and clutter free.</p> <p>Cleaning products are stored in the cleaner's cupboard</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Combustible Materials – does your furniture and any furnishings meet the regulations?</p> <p><i>(What if any other combustible materials do you have – soft play area with foam materials, crash mats, etc; paints, thinners, gas bottles; wood; etc? Are they accessible and stored correctly? Christmas trees, decorations, lights at that time of year?)</i></p>	<p>All furnishings meet current BS and European Standards</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Use of Contractors and Volunteers – to undertake work at the premises.</p> <p><i>(Do you discuss how the work will be completed? Do you undertake a risk assessment? What procedures are in place when working at height, or depth, using heat-do you ask to see a method statement, is a hot work permit used? Is there are process for informing contractors and volunteers of hazards?)</i></p>	<p>This type of work has not been undertaken on the premises. Should it be necessary at any point in the future appropriate steps will be taken to ensure the safety of everyone and to comply with current legislation.</p> <p>All contractors will be made aware of our risk assessments and will be expected to provide appropriate paperwork eg a method statement and/or hot works permit.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Arson – what precautions do you take to prevent malicious fire?</p> <p><i>(Is there good security to doors and windows; secure storage of bins/skips adjacent to the building; letterboxes have internal metal box to contain any burning material pushed through; extent and appropriateness of security lighting, boundary fencing, alarms and CCTV? What are your keyholding arrangements?)</i></p>	<p>The building is locked and left secure when on in use.</p> <p>Combustible materials are stored appropriate and materials outside are removed away from the building</p> <p>Weekly inspections of the Church ensure compliance with this</p> <p>Metal letter box attached to exterior wall.</p> <p>Checked weekly</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>

Lightning – is the conductor subject to inspection and regular testing?	N/A Not required for building	YES	NO
Other Sources	N/A	YES	NO

If you have answered NO to any question above complete the details below: -

<i>What needs to be done to make each situation safe?</i>	<i>Action required by whom</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Date complete</i>

Any Additional Information:

Step 3 ~ Evaluate, Remove, Reduce and Protect From Risk

Question			Comment
Are ignition sources controlled to reduce the chances of fire?	YES	NO	
Are combustible materials kept away from ignition sources?	YES	NO	
Are all windows and openings closed last thing at night?	YES	NO	Tested on a weekly basis
Do you have a fire alarm?	YES	NO	
What type of fire alarm?			
Is your fire alarm system adequate for your premises?	YES	NO	
Will everybody be warned if the fire alarm operates?	YES		N/A
If you do not have a fire alarm how will everybody we warned?	Verbal alarm		
Do you have any smoke alarms?	YES	NO	
Where are your smoke alarms located?	Throughout the building		
Can everyone escape without assistance?	YES	NO	
Is escape from fire available in more than one direction?	YES	NO	
Are all fire exits easily identified by the correct signs?	YES	NO	
Are escape routes free from obstruction and storage?	YES	NO	
Are all doors on escape routes easily opened without a key?	YES	NO	
Do all doors on escape routes open in the direction of escape?	YES	NO	
Can everyone escape in a reasonable time?	YES	NO	
Do you have emergency lighting?	YES	NO	
Is the lighting adequate to illuminate circulation routes?	YES	NO	
Do you have fire fighting equipment?	YES	NO	
Is it serviced annually?	YES	NO	Certificates available. Inspected/ serviced annually by MacGregor Fire Protection Services
Is the fire fighting equipment adequate for the risks present?	YES	NO	
Are fire doors in good condition and labelled fire door keep shut?	YES	NO	
Are housekeeping and general waste management adequate?	YES	NO	All areas kept clean and tidy
Are security arrangements sufficient to prevent access?	YES	NO	External door are locked when not in use. All windows are protected by see-through plastic security cover
Are measures adequate to prevent the incidents of arson?	YES	NO	
What are your keyholding arrangements?	Number of key holders are restricted		
Can the fire service easily get to your premises?	YES	NO	

If you have answered NO to any question above complete the details below: -

<i>What needs to be done to make each situation safe?</i>	<i>Action required by whom</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Date complete</i>

Step 4 ~ Record, Plan, Inform, Instruct and Train

You should record your fire safety arrangements – this includes:

Have you made an emergency plan?	YES	NO
Have you provided fire instruction and training to employees and volunteers?	YES	NO
Have you provided fire safety instruction/information to those letting your premises?	YES	NO
Are there records of fire drills to test your training and emergency plan?	YES	NO
Are there records of maintenance on all fire safety measures and equipment?	YES	NO
Have you recorded the significant findings of this assessment?	YES	NO

If you have answered NO to any question above complete the details below: -

<i>What needs to be done to make each situation safe?</i>	<i>Action required by whom</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Date complete</i>
Initial training given several years ago. No refresher training has been provided. Refresher training should be provided on an annual basis. This was highlighted in the previous FRA and still has to be implemented	Trustees of Ferintosh Parish Church		

Step 5 ~ Review

Your fire safety risk assessment must be kept up to date

Date of next review

It is recommended that you review your fire safety risk assessment regularly (recommended every 12 months) **OR** if you make changes to the layout of your premises, any changes to work processes, significantly increase the amount of combustible materials stored or displayed or sources of ignition, change your opening hours (e.g. to include night time for rough sleepers, etc) or any failures in your fire safety precautions then you should review your fire safety risk assessment.

February 2019

References	Health & Safety Executive Practical fire Safety Guidance Church of Scotland Insurance Services Ltd (the web site contains a number of information sheets which will also be of assistance when considering fire safety)	Health & Safety Executive http://www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox/fire.htm Scottish Government Sector Specific at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/public-safety/Fire-Rescue/FireLaw/FireLaw/SectorSpecificGuidance Guidance Church of Scotland Insurance Services Limited http://www.cosic.co.uk/guidelines
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PREMISES

SUMMARY FIRE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Each item should be allocated a priority as follows: -

Priority 1:	Needs attention immediately
Priority 2:	Needs attention within 1 month
Priority 3:	Needs attention within the next 6 months
Priority 4:	Needs attention within the next 12 months

No	Action Required	By Whom	Due Date	Date complete	Priority
1	Fire training session should be organised for all new and existing members of staff and volunteers	Ferintosh Parish Church Trustees			3
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