

Safer places of Worship

Miscellaneous Fire Hazards

CHIMNEYS

Chimneys and flues should be swept at least once a year. If wood is used as a fuel this will need to be done more regularly.

DECORATIONS

Decorations should not be fixed, where they could potentially fall onto an ignition source.

RUBBISH

Rubbish and unwanted articles should not be allowed to accumulate either inside or outside the building.

ORGAN

The organ and organ blower should always be switched off, when not in use.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

Camping equipment should not be stored, or left to dry, on or close to heating pipes.

FLAMMABLE MATERIALS

Ensure that matches, candles, lighters, fuel, motor mowers and the like are securely stored.

INCENSE AND CANDLES

Extreme care must be exercised when burning incense or candles. Charcoal and thuribles must be cooled following use and before they are returned for storage. An effective candle snuffer should be used to extinguish candles.

PLASTICS

Some plastic materials, particularly polyurethane foam, are flammable and will produce highly toxic fumes. Hassocks and kneelers with damaged covers should be disposed of or repaired as soon as possible.

WAX POLISH

Rags impregnated with wax polish may be prone to spontaneous ignition and should, therefore, be kept in lidded metal containers.