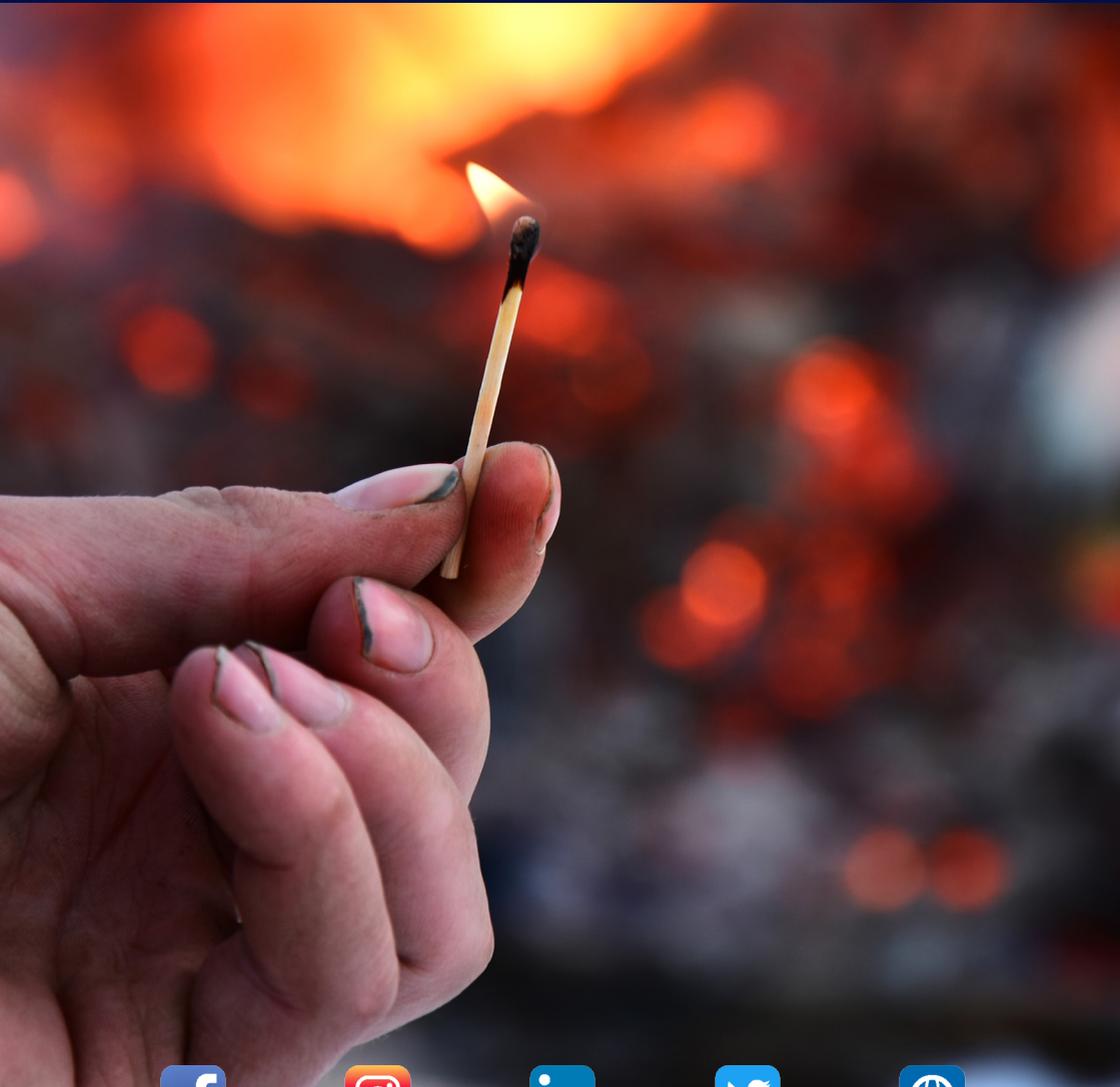


# Safer Business: Information and advice to reduce deliberate fires





## DELIBERATE FIRES –

**Did you know 86% of businesses that have a fire never recover from it and arson is the most common cause of fires in retail premises**

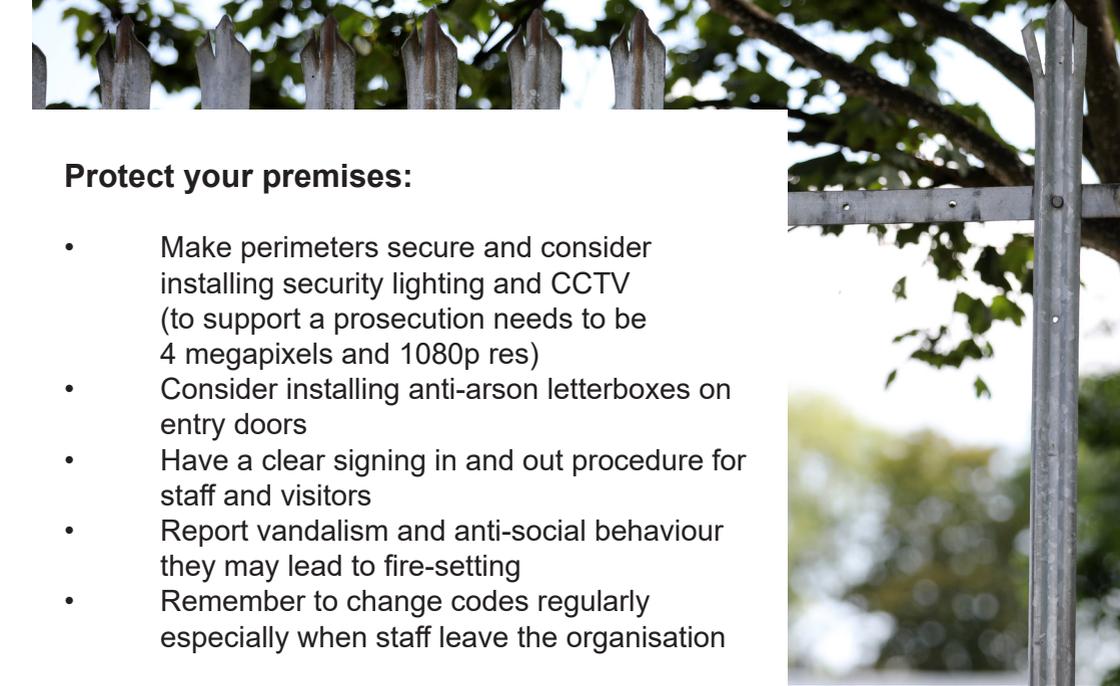
**Most arson attacks are un-planned and opportunist crimes, follow our advice to help protect your business**



### **Good housekeeping:**

- Waste is a potential fuel source for fire, ensure that waste management is covered in your businesses Fire Risk Assessment
- Waste should be in a secure area, away from buildings, not accessible through perimeter fencing
- Skips, recycling containers and bins should be kept away from building eaves or canopies
- Entrances and exits should be clear at all times
- Keep external areas clear and tidy so intruders are visible and there is less to interest opportunists
- Plan ahead for busy periods when you have more stock or waste materials





## Protect your premises:

- Make perimeters secure and consider installing security lighting and CCTV (to support a prosecution needs to be 4 megapixels and 1080p res)
- Consider installing anti-arson letterboxes on entry doors
- Have a clear signing in and out procedure for staff and visitors
- Report vandalism and anti-social behaviour they may lead to fire-setting
- Remember to change codes regularly especially when staff leave the organisation

## Involve and inform staff:

- Staff are your biggest asset and a vigilant workforce can protect your business
- Have a clear process for opening and closing premises to ensure the site is secure
- Ensure staff know about fire prevention and have a process to report concerns

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## Business Fire Safety - Need to know essentials

If you own, manage or operate a business you have a legal duty to ensure you and your staff know what to do to prevent a fire in the workplace and how to escape if fire does break out:

- 1 All businesses need a competent person to undertake a fire risk assessment which will then inform them of what they need to do next
- 2 Properly manage ignition sources and combustibles - 'No fuel - No fire.' Follow our Good Housekeeping advice
- 3 Train your staff, make sure they understand how to evacuate the building and how to raise the alarm
- 4 Put appropriate arrangements in place to maintain and manage things like emergency lighting systems or ventilation - they are all there to help people to escape a building
- 5 Think about business continuity - Follow our protect your premises advice and consider storing data offsite and have suppression systems to protect premises (sprinklers etc)

**For further information advice please visit**  
**[www.clevelandfire.gov.uk](http://www.clevelandfire.gov.uk) or ring 01429 874109**

