

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The following table defines the regime that will ensure that all fire precautions are maintained.

EQUIPMENT	PERIOD	ACTION
Fire warning system.	Weekly	Check for state of repair and operation. Repair or replace defective units. Test operation of manually operated devices.
	Annually	Full check and test of system by competent service engineer.
Emergency lighting equipment	Monthly	Check all systems, units and torches for state of repair and apparent working order.
	Annually	Full check and test of systems and units by competent service engineer.
Fire-fighting equipment.	Weekly	Check all extinguishers including hose reels for correct installation and apparent working order.
	Annually	Full check and test by competent service engineer.

Construction site equipment will also need to be cleaned to ensure that dust has not made the inspection or use inoperable. The following additional elements should be carried out on construction sites.

Fire-fighting equipment.	Weekly	<p>Clear dust from equipment and visually check the pressure gauges are showing green.</p> <p>Ensure no the route to the firefighting equipment has no obstructions.</p> <p>Check that the release pin could still operate in the event of an emergency – ensure no adhesives or other obstruction has been put into the release mechanism</p>
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