

VisitBritain - Fire Risk Assessment

Address of Property Assessed: Brook House, Mathon, Near Malvern, Worcs
WR13 5PW

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Fire Risk Assessment

Step 1 - Identify Fire Hazards and Fire Risks

1.1 Sources of ignition

a) Electrical - wiring and appliances

1. Electrical wiring was installed new in 2009.
2. All cables are new, and these matters have all been eliminated.
3. Fuses all installed new in 2009.
4. Appliances were all new in 2009, and are checked annually.
5. Appliances are so labelled.

b) Cooking - especially deep-fat frying

The Aga is protected by a fire blanket, and a fire extinguisher in the pantry. No deep fat fryer is provided. Cleaning is regular and high standard. Instructions are provided for the installations.

c) Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in Brook House.

d) Candles

No candles are provided in the property.

e) Heaters and boilers

Central heating is new and annually serviced and checked. The gas "wood" stove is new in 2010.

f) Open fires

No open fires at Brook House

g) Others

The premises are newly modernised and fire risks were taken into account in its design and build. No other known sources of ignition.

1.2. Fuel present

The central heating works from mains gas: the supply was newly fitted in December 2009, and is checked annually. No fuel is stored inside the house.

h) Elements of structure

1. Downstairs floors are either stone and solid or oak. Upstairs floors are wooden and some are carpeted.
2. The house is black and white, so basically combustible
3. No lining materials are combustible.

i) Furniture and furnishings

1. Yes. All new 3/4 years ago, except antiques.
2. No unusual risks.

j) Domestic waste

1. Guests dispose of waste daily when the property is in use
2. Yes

k) Other items - e.g. petrol for lawnmowers, cleaning materials etc.

1. No
2. N/A

1.3. Activities that might cause a fire, including work processes/procedures etc.

The Aga cooker and the gas 'wood' burner are the greatest risks, but these are modern, well maintained and regularly checked.

Step 2 - Identify Persons at Risk.

2.1 Number of guests

1. 10 persons maximum, adult or children.
2. Up to 4 of the persons may be children, accommodated in place of adults.
3. Not frequently. The property is 17th century and less than wholly suitable for badly disabled persons.

2.2. Number of staff/employees

NO

Step 3 - Evaluate the Risks.

3.1. Means of escape

a) Detail the type of property:

Three storey detached black and white house built in 17th century

b) Detail the number of exit doors and where they are:

There are 2 doors:

1. The front door opens inwards, and is easy to open.
2. The rear door opens inwards and is easy to open, and kept clear and available.

3.2. The fire alarm and fire detection

c) Describe what fire alarm and fire detectors have been provided:

Fire alarm is maintained annually, and is wired to the fire centre dealing with the burglar alarm. The alarm control centre notify the fire brigade automatically.

3.3. Fire fighting equipment

d) Detail what fire extinguishers/blankets are provided and where they are.

Fire extinguisher in pantry.

Fire blanket near the Aga.

3.4. Escape lighting

e) Detail areas covered by emergency lighting (if any):

The kitchen corridor has an emergency light.

3.5. Evacuation procedure

f) Describe the evacuation procedures

Fire procedure guidance is attached