

VisitBritain - Fire Risk Assessment

Address of Property Assessed: Parkers, Mathon, Near Malvern, Worcs
WR13 5LW

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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 4 years ago.
2. All cables are new, and these matters have all been eliminated.
3. Fuses all installed new 4 years ago.
4. Appliances have all been renewed in last 4 years, and are checked annually. Last check was November 2009
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 Parkers

d) Candles

No candles are provided in the property.

e) Heaters and boilers

Central heating is new and annually serviced and checked. Aga is serviced twice yearly. Wood burning stove is used infrequently by guests. It is new also 3 years ago.

f) Open fires

No open fires at Parkers

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 4 years ago, and is checked annually. No wood for the wood burner is stored inside the house: There is sometimes wood in the garage.

h) Elements of structure

1. Downstairs floors are solid and non-combustible. Upstairs are timber.
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.
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 and 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. 8 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:

Two store detached black and white house built in 17th century

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

There are 3 doors:

1. The front door opens outwards, and is easy to open into the porch. The double doors to the porch open inwards and are easy to open.
2. The side door is inward opening, It is easy to open, and kept clear and available.
3. The back 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