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Help and Advice

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Bulletin 43: FIRE SAFETY

The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The group was disbanded in 2014, as part of a simplification of Synod committees, and its work continues through the Trust Officer, under the oversight of the Trust. We are willing to try to provide specific advice on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects on interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the members' area of the website with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

Fire Risk Assessments

Churches are reminded that the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 requires them to carry out a fire safety risk assessment in each of their public buildings. This should be reviewed annually, or whenever significant changes are made to the buildings or their use.

The good news is that the Methodist Church' Property Fire Advisor, Colin Domville MIFireE, has produced a guidance booklet *Fire Risk Assessment Principles for Church Premises*, which is shorter and more suitable for churches than the Government's online guidance. You can download it from:

<http://methodist.org.uk/static/rm/fireriskassessment.pdf>

or go to the Methodist Church website and follow the links > Ministers & Office Holders > Property > Technical & Conservation > Technical Information.

The Government guidance can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/14888/fsra-small-medium-assembly.pdf

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