Guidance Note
Fire Stopping in College Premises
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The primary fire safety legislation in this country is the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The function of this legislation is to reduce the risk and mitigate the effects from fire. Should a fire occur however it is necessary to ensure that the occupants of the building have a safe means of escape that is available for use at all material times. It is also necessary to restrict the passage of fire and smoke throughout a building to prevent its uncontrolled spread. By controlling the spread of fire and smoke we achieve a number of aims:

a) Allow time for the occupants to safely evacuate the building
b) Prevent damage to property
c) Allow time for fire fighters to enter a building to extinguish the fire.

For this reason, this mandatory instruction must be followed to ensure that the correct type and level of fire stopping is put in place when construction work takes place or services are run through fire resisting compartmentation.

2.0 Level of fire stopping required

It is recommended that all fire stopping installed should be installed by a 3rd party accredited passive fire protection company who has been certified by an independent UKAS accredited certification body to install the relevant form of fire stopping.

Acceptable accreditation schemes that demonstrate the installers’ competence to install fire stopping can be found in Appendix D of the following document;

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To ensure a consistent level of fire stopping is put in place it has been decided to adopt the Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP) guides for:

- Fire Stopping (Red Book)
- Fire Dampers (Grey Book)
- Fire Resisting Partitions (Purple Book)
- Ductwork (Blue Book)

Each of these guides gives clear guidance on the selection and area of use for these elements, along with third party accredited products to achieve good building compartmentation.

It may not always be possible to use these third party accredited products to achieve the levels of fire stopping required i.e. temporary fire stopping. Where this is not achievable, it will be necessary for the contractor/staff installing...
these services to provide documentation showing that the product is suitable to be used in place of the recommended product.

This documentation must be added to the Fire safety Information to be provided as a requirement of Regulation 38 of the current approved Building Regulations. This information must then be added to the Operating and Maintenance Manuals for the relevant building, so that damage caused or maintenance needed to the product can be replaced or repaired in the appropriate manner.
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