

Liaising with Contractors

A Method Statement is required from a contractor before any work is carried out so as to reduce the increased risk of fire, particularly if there is any 'Hot Work' :

Method Statement required for 'Hot Work':

e.g.

- Cutting or welding,
- Blowlamps, blowtorches and hot air strippers,
- Angle grinders, cutting discs and abrasive wheels,
- Tar boilers.

All hot work should be carried out under a **Hot-Work Permit Scheme** to ensure that:-

The area is first cleared of combustible material and flooring or items that cannot be removed are covered or screened with a non-combustible material.

Combustible material is removed from the opposite sides of walls, partitions and other heat conducting elements in the immediate vicinity of the work.

Suitable fire extinguishers are available with staff trained in their use.

A '**watch for fire**' is maintained whilst the work is in progress.