

Arson Prevention

Arson is the leading cause of church fires. Churches are particularly vulnerable to fire damage because they're often unoccupied for long periods of time. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fire strikes about 1,300 churches annually in the United States, causing millions of dollars in damage. Many of these losses can be reduced or prevented with effective fire prevention and evacuation plans.

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Are all outside entrances to your building well-lit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you keep trees and shrubs around your building trimmed and well maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you store flammable liquids in approved containers, either away from church property or under lock and key in a secure area within the church?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you store exterior trash containers away from the building, to prevent a trash fire from spreading?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you regularly test your building's alarm system and train ministry staff in its operation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you maintain a good record of who knows your alarm system's security code?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do you change your alarm system's security code on a regular basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do you secure all windows, basement entries, and external stairways on your building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes: _____

Completed by: _____ Date: _____