Evotech Fire & Security helps businesses re-open safely after lockdown

As buildings start to return to full occupancy it is important to check that fire & security systems are working correctly to protect people, premises, and business assets. Evotech Fire & security is offering businesses, throughout the North of England, a free system health check to ensure fire & security systems are in good working order and remain fit for purpose.

British Standard: BS 5839, recommends that fire alarm detection systems are inspected by a competent person at least twice a year. As well as six monthly inspections, businesses are also legally required to run weekly fire alarm tests.

However, as many businesses have been required by Government to remain closed during lockdown, regular testing and maintenance schedules may have been disrupted. Add to this, changes in temperature and humidity, as heating systems have been reduced to a minimum whilst buildings are unoccupied, and some faults may have crept into the system.

The 'Responsible Person' should review the Fire Risk Assessment to ensure it takes into account any changes to business operations due to Coronavirus. Evotech Fire & Security have produced two useful guides which can help business managers run through a series of essential checks before opening their premises to employees and customers. The guides can be downloaded from the company's website using the link Evotechfire.co.uk.

If you have a fire alarm that's linked to an Alarm Receiving Centre or Remote Monitoring Service, you will also need to test that the connection is still working. It is also advisable to contact your service provider to check their service is not affected by the pandemic, and if it is, you will need to make adjustments to your fire safety system.

In addition to the guides, Evotech is offering businesses a free Fire & Security System Healthcheck, where a specialist engineer will attend your site to thoroughly check the system(s) ready for the re-opening of business and provide a free report. To book a free healthcheck, visit Evotechfire.co.uk and complete the form on the home page. A member of the Evotech Fire & Security team will then contact you to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. The team are asking business owners to think ahead, be prepared and remain compliant to get your business operating again quickly, efficiently, and safely.

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