

VisitBritain - Fire Risk Assessment

Address of Property Assessed: The Byre, Uppertown Farm, Birchover,
Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2BH

Person Undertaking the Assessment - Name: Paul Chaplais

- Position: Owner

Date of Assessment: December 2017

Fire Risk Assessment

Step 1 - Identify Fire Hazards and Fire Risks.

1.1 Sources of ignition

a) Electrical - wiring and appliances

Std. lamp by sofa in living room. Plug-in appliances.
Electrical switches in 2 bedrooms, living room and kitchen.

b) Cooking - especially deep-fat frying

Ceramic hob in kitchen.
No deep-fat fryer.

c) Smoking

Strict no smoking policy.

d) Candles

Not provided.

e) Heaters and boilers

Gas central heating boiler serviced annually

f) Open fires

Open fire in living room. Wide stone hearth. Fireguard provided.

g) Others

1.2. Fuel present

h) Elements of structure

Exposed beams on living room ceiling and one bathroom.

i) Furniture and furnishings

Two sofas filled with non-flammable material.

Furnishings (curtains, bedding, sofas, cushions) in bedrooms, living room and passage.

j) Domestic waste

Metal waste bin in kitchen and bathrooms. Waste paper baskets in bedrooms.

k) Other items - e.g. petrol for lawnmowers, cleaning materials etc

Supply of wood logs and kindling wood below stone hearth in living room. Small supply of firelighters. Matches kept out of children's reach.

A few items stored below kitchen sink (paper towels, toilet rolls etc.). Folders, piles of information leaflets and maps in living room on side table.

1.3. Activities that might cause a fire, including work processes/procedures etc.

Step 2 - Identify Persons at Risk.

2.1 Number of guests

4-6 people (adults and children)

2.2. Number of staff/employees

One regular cleaner.

Step 3 - Evaluate the Risks.

3.1. Means of escape

a) Detail the type of property:

Detached single-storey cottage.

b) Detail the number of exit doors and where they are:

One exit door, which is the main entrance to the property, at south end of building.

3.2. The fire alarm and fire detection

c) Describe what fire alarm and fire detectors have been provided:

Smoke alarm provided - located inside front door.

3.3. Fire fighting equipment

d) Detail what fire extinguishers/blankets are provided and where they are.

2 fire extinguishers provided in bunk bed area - Hydrex and CO2

Fire blanket provided on kitchen wall.

3.4. Escape lighting

e) Detail areas covered by emergency lighting (if any):

Automatic outdoor light.

3.5. Evacuation procedure

f) Describe the evacuation procedures

If possible, guests should leave by the door. If not, it would be possible to climb through the ground floor (sash) windows. All rooms have windows with access to the outside except bathroom 1. It would be safe to jump from all 8 windows without risk of serious injury.