

A formal and detailed inspection of all aspects of a fire door should be carried out by a competent person every 6 months.

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Which doors in my premises need to be fire doors?

Your fire risk assessment should determine this, usually it’s door opening onto an escape route, doors separating long corridors and doors surrounding places of special fire risk e.g. boilers. The doors should be marked by signs and ideally have a third-party certification or plug attached to the top or side edge.

Who’s responsible for looking after fire doors?

The Responsible Person must have a suitable system of maintenance for fire safety measures including doors. The Responsible Person is the employer or any body having control of part of a premises. In multiple occupancy buildings doors between a tenant suite and the common parts are often, by virtue of the lease the tenant’s responsibility, not the landlords- although bot parties fire risk assessments should take these doors and their conditions into account.

Aren’t fire doors just to protect property?

No. Whilst they do restrict the spread of fire to limit loss, most fire doors required by legislation are located such to save a life by also restricting the spread of smoke, hot gases and toxic by products into and along escape routes to enable the safe escape of building occupants.

How often should fire doors be checked?

In house checks should be a regular ongoing process and certainly no less than monthly (when automatic fire doors and exterior final exit door mechanisms should be checked). A simple 5 step check can be carried out as detailed [here](https://www.firedoorsafetyweek.co.uk/toolkit/five-step-fire-door-check/).

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