



Risk Improvement Guide

Fire System Impairments

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Managing Fire System Impairments

Fire detection and protection systems are your primary defences against fire. Operational failure of these systems during a fire could result in the loss of entire sites, impacting supply chains, existing customer commitments and employees.

An impairment occurs when a fire detection or protection system is fully or partially isolated or placed offline for any reason including maintenance.

Components of a fire detection or protection systems subject to impairment management include (however are not limited to) the following:

- Automatic sprinkler systems
- Fire detection systems
- Fire protection water supplies
- Fire tanks and mains
- All automatic fire extinguishing or suppression systems
- Fire doors, fire curtains and other fire safety systems

To ensure the return on investment from your fire detection and protection systems, whilst also minimising the chance of propagating fires during an impairment, complete the PRS Impairment Management Permit prior to any isolation or placing a system offline.

The PRS Impairment Management Permit is a guide only and may not satisfy every underwriter's requirements. Please use the Other Precautions Section to include additional precautions and requirements.

PRS Fire System Impairment Permit	Precautionary Checklist (Permit Authoriser to Complete)
This permit is to be used 24 hours prior to system isolation and completed upon system restoration.	☐ Emergency Response Team notified
	☐ Fire Department notified
Business Name:	☐ Hot Works prohibited
Site Address:	☐ Hazardous operations and processes isolated/ shut down during the impairment
	☐ Smoking restricted
Area Impaired:	☐ Fire hoses or process water hoses laid out and charged
System(s) to be isolated:	☐ Fire extinguishers and fire blankets prepared
	□ Other precautions (please describe):
□ Automatic Sprinkler System □ Hydrant System	
☐ Fire Detection System ☐ Fire Alarm System	
□ Other (please describe):	Completion of Work (Permit Authoriser to Confirm)
	$\hfill\square$ Impaired fire systems reinstated, returned to service and operational
Reason for isolation:	□ Valves fully opened and locked in the open position
	☐ Main drain test performed
This permit is valid from	Date: Time: AM/PM
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Name and signature of permit authoriser	Name and signature of permit authoriser

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