

# DON'T LET HALLOWEEN BECOME



# A HORROR STORY FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

**Fire is probably the most devastating hazard a company can face, threatening lives and livelihoods. Fire safety and risk assessment measures taken today could save your business tomorrow and lives too.**

As a leading property & SME insurer in Ireland, part of RSA's comprehensive service to our customers is to provide advice and guidance on risk management and control. The following is a simple but effective guide to help eliminate or minimise the increased risk of fire damage during the Halloween period.

- **Ensure that all skips, pallets or other combustible waste stored in the open are located a minimum distance of 10 metres away from all buildings.**
- **Only place rubbish for collection on the street 30 minutes prior to collection and ensure that it is located a safe distance from your property.**
- **Seal up letterbox openings to vacant buildings and remove accumulated flyers and other combustible material from doorways.**
- **Carry out frequent inspections of your property to reflect the increased activity in the lead up to and around Halloween.**

All fires start small, some occur after hours and can smoulder for a long time before becoming a raging fire. You should seriously consider installing a monitored fire alarm which will contact the Fire Brigade and Key Holders in the event of a fire being detected.

A monitored fire alarm can be the difference between a small or smouldering fire being controlled and a building burning to the ground.

For further assistance on this or any other Risk Control topic, please contact the Risk Control Unit in RSA Insurances on 01 – 290 1123 or contact your local professional Insurance Broker.

Brokers can download this guide at:  
**[www.rsasme.ie/HalloweenGuide.pdf](http://www.rsasme.ie/HalloweenGuide.pdf)**

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