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**Fire Hazard - Sheds**

**SAFETY ACTION BULLETIN**

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A primary school has suffered an arson attack where vandals gained access to a wooden storage shed sited next to the main school building and set fire to it. The outcome was a serious fire and the fire and rescue service have issued the following guidance as a result.

• Wooden sheds must be sited at least 6 metres away from the buildings – if necessary they must be moved away from school buildings.

• Careful consideration must be given to what is stored in the shed – especially any chemicals or flammable materials.

Moving sheds away from buildings also reduces the risk of trespassers and vandals gaining access to roof areas.

**What do you need to do?**

• Move any wooden storage sheds to a position at least 6 metres away from school buildings.

• Consider security of the shed in tandem with the Fire Risk Assessment.

**Further information:**

If you need guidance on where to site your shed, bearing in mind access for emergency vehicles etc., contact the Health and Safety Team in the first instance.

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