

FIRES-AWARENESS

BEFORE :

- The schools to be given license only after checking up its safety.
- The schools must have sufficient exit routes.
- Identify the fire hazards and where fires might start
- Teachers/school staff to have training in fire safety.
- Students to be made aware about the do's & don't's.
- School to have an emergency plan and put up fire notices
- Keep electrical inspection and testing up to date and carry out repairs.
- Kitchen has to be in secured and safe location only.
- Check the adequacy of fire fighting apparatus and its maintenance.
- Ensure fire escape routes and fire exit doors/ passageways are unobstructed and doors open correctly.
- Have first aid kits.
- **Conduct fire drills.**
- Consult with and implement recommendations of the local fire brigade.

DURING :

- Exit from the school to an open area.
- Contain the fire if possible. If not , get outdoors immediately.
- Execute evacuation plan and practiced fire drills.
- Call the Fire Brigade.
- Do not allow children and teachers to panic.
- Do not let anyone hide. Teachers to ensure that nobody is trapped in toilet/indoors.
- If the room is filled with smoke, ask children to stay low to the ground during exit.
- Feel any closed door to see if they are hot before they are opened.
- If the door is hot, use the nearest window or another exit.
- Children and teachers should go to pre – arranged locations, teacher to take roll call.
- Teachers should comfort distressed children.
- Nearest hospital/authority to be alerted.
- Do not allow children to leave on their own , or to be taken home by strangers.

AFTER :

- DON'T Re- enter or permit anyone to enter the school building , unless the fire officials have given permission to enter.
- Teachers to confirm that all students have reached their homes safely.
- Review the fire risk management plan and evacuation plan.
- Implement / execute recommendations by Fire Department and /or building professional before reopening school for classes.