

Risk calendar



Key dates through the year to help you look after and protect your church and those who use it

 <p>JANUARY</p> <p>Water pipes and heating</p> <p>Check that your water pipes are lagged, the stopcock is clearly labelled, and your heating system has been serviced by a registered engineer.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/church-heating</p>	 <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>Health and safety</p> <p>Review your health & safety arrangements to ensure they remain adequate and are compliant with relevant legal requirements.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/managing-church-safety</p>	 <p>MARCH</p> <p>Electrical wiring</p> <p>Check that electrical systems have been inspected by a qualified electrician within the last five years and all portable appliances have been tested.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/church-electrics</p>	 <p>APRIL</p> <p>Metal theft</p> <p>Check that external metal is marked with an approved forensic solution, warning signs are prominently displayed, and consider a roof alarm.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/churchmetaltheft</p>
 <p>MAY</p> <p>Fetes and events</p> <p>Review arrangements to ensure everyone has a great time and remains safe.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/events</p>	 <p>JUNE</p> <p>Church security</p> <p>Open your church during the day and lock it at night, lock valuables in a secure area and remove anything that could aid an arson attack.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/churchsecurity</p>	 <p>JULY</p> <p>Lightning protection</p> <p>Check your lightning conductor tape annually and repair breakages. Ensure your lightning protection system has been inspected in the last four years.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/churchlightning</p>	 <p>AUGUST</p> <p>Slips and trips</p> <p>Review your arrangements to tackle slip and trip hazards indoors and outside.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/churchslipsandtrips</p>
 <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Darker evenings</p> <p>Review situations where people work alone and ensure adequate precautions are in place to protect them.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/workingalone</p>	 <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Bad weather</p> <p>Check pipes and lag where necessary, clear fallen leaves from pathways, ensure trees are safe, and clear roof valleys and gutters of debris.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/cold-weather</p>	 <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Fire risk assessments</p> <p>Review your fire risk assessment. It is important to do this on an annual basis and is a legal requirement.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/churchriskassessment</p>	 <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Review your safety and escape procedures. Check all Christmas lights, power cables, extension leads and precautions for candles and extra equipment.</p> <p>www.ecclesiastical.com/church-christmas</p>

For further advice and guidance, consult with your risk surveyor, call our risk helpline on **0345 600 7531** (open 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday except bank holidays) Or visit: www.ecclesiastical.com/church