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FIRE SAFETY IN HERITAGE BUILDINGS

Leaks from deteriorated or damaged roofing, from around windows and doors, or through deteriorated materials, as well as ground moisture from improper site run-off or rising damp at foundations, can cause long-term damage to interior finishes and structural systems. If the building had shutters historically, but they are missing, it may be appropriate to install new shutters, even in a modern material, and secure them in the closed position. More information is on our page.

Listed Buildings

Spain's Castilla y León region is home to prehistoric that are vulnerable to damage from wildfires. A list of emergency numbers, including the number of the key holder, should be kept at the entrance to the building or on a security gate, in a transparent vinyl sleeve.

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We are merely aware that these companies sell plaques. Unfortunately, our database does not include every address within historic districts. The involvement of neighbors and community groups in caring for the property can ensure its protection from a variety of catastrophic circumstances.

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For all but the simplest projects, hiring a team of preservation specialists is recommended to assess the specific needs of the structure and to develop an effective mothballing program.

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In fact it is recognised in Approved Document B ADB that the most appropriate means of ensuring life safety in an historic building with respect to

fire, is to take into account a range of fire safety features and set these against an assessment of the hazard and risk peculiar to the particular case. This includes managing projects for national organisations with many properties, managing the fire safety improvements necessary to open heritage properties to the public as exclusive let properties or as wedding venues, managing fire safety projects to meet the requirements imposed following the serving of enforcement notices on properties and managing fire safety improvements in properties where there is no commercial undertaking, but the owner wants to protect the property and their family from the effects of fire. Even this minimal exchange may foster mold and mildew in damp climates, and so monitoring the property during the stabilization period and after the building has been secured will provide useful information on the effectiveness of the ventilation solution.

Tips, Tools, Publications, Guides

Even small fires that are contained can cause tremendous damage to a collection, and indirect effects such as smoke damage can often extend to the entire building. For example, full-size fireplace screens should be installed to contain flying embers, and flue screens should be installed to prevent roof shingle fires. Measures include adopting regulations that prohibit the destruction and trafficking of antiquities, storing cultural artefacts in safe places, and posting guards to protect shrines and archaeological sites from attack and looting.

Heritage Under Fire

CCI can also assist in convincing heritage building and financial managers to install adequate fire protection systems through awareness and building reviews. For masonry repairs, appropriate preservation approaches are essential. This approach has resulted in us working with a number of members of the Historic Houses Association and Scottish Land and Estates to enable them to demonstrate compliance whilst providing cost effective solutions.

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