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Welfare Unit Fire

What happened?

At 19:30hrs on Wednesday 19th February a fire was discovered in one of the welfare / drying room cabins at Bond Street, Western Ticket Hall. The Fire Brigade were called and attended site within 10 minutes. There were no injuries. The fire was extinguished and the site team were informed that the likely source of the fire was a pull chord fan heater fitted to one of the walls inside the drying room.

Key Considerations

All sites should review their current arrangements and consider using the guidance below:

- ✓ Ensure that heating appliances used in welfare units are fitted with a thermal cut-out
- ✓ All heating appliances are kept completely clear and must never be covered with PPE or materials
- ✓ All heaters are turned off when sites are shut down
- ✓ Welfare units are kept, clean and clear of combustibles
- ✓ An inspection regime is set up so that welfare areas are checked regularly (including times when the site is not operating)
- ✓ Ensure that all electrical equipment located in welfare units have undergone the statutory inspections / PA testing
- ✓ All welfare units are fitted with suitably maintained and tested smoke alarms and that these alarms are connected to an external sounder to help early identification of fire
- ✓ There are a sufficient number of appropriate fire extinguishers located within or close to the welfare areas and that there is a regime in place for their inspection
- ✓ Ensure that there is an appropriate provision of fire marshals
- ✓ Site fire risk assessments are reviewed and are relevant to the risks involved
- ✓ No smoking policy is enforced



External and internal fire damage

