



## Technical Fire Safety Bulletin No 6

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On 26 February Jim Knight, the Secretary of State for Schools, announced to a sprinkler seminar in the House of Commons in London that the British Government had introduced a new policy regarding the fitting of sprinklers in schools. New schools or those which undergo a major refurbishment using public funds will have to complete an analysis using a risk assessment tool to determine whether they should be fitted with a sprinkler system. He stated that it is the Government's expectation that in the majority of cases this process will lead to sprinklers being fitted.

The British Government has begun a programme to replace or refurbish all secondary (for children aged 11 and older) schools, at a cost of £45 billion over 15 years. Most of these schools will now be sprinklered.

This is a major change in stance by Government on the subject of Sprinklers in Schools. While stopping short at making sprinklers a blanket requirement, it is definitely the ministerial opinion that very few schools would **NOT** require sprinklers.

A copy of the toolkit is available from Julian Parsons or Tim Gray. The toolkit is designed to be completed by the design team but will require our input. The toolkit will be circulated to the two Local Education Authorities and the Building Controls.

