

Contaminants Zoning



Visitors

We have a zoning system within our buildings to help minimise the risk posed by fire contaminants, which are the chemical products of fire combustion.

This risk is minimal to any visitor, as it is primarily in place to support our teams who are exposed to fire contaminants through occupational exposure over long careers. You are not required to take any action when moving between the zones. For your awareness only, the information below explains what each zone signifies.

Contaminants Risk	Name	Zone
	Red	<p>These areas have been exposed to fire. Only personnel wearing the correct PPE may enter.</p> <p>Red zones do not exist on our stations or in our offices. There is no requirement for you to enter these areas. Our Firehouse, located at Whitley Wood, is the only exception to this and may only be entered by specially approved contractors.</p>
	Controlled	<p>Areas where operational equipment or firefighter PPE may be stored or worn.</p> <p>Equipment that has been exposed to fire contaminants may be present. Good practice by firefighters will ensure any risk is minimised.</p>
	Amber	<p>Areas in our buildings that are required to make our operational appliances ready again following incidents and staff washing facilities.</p> <p>Operational staff will enter these areas in the work wear they have worn underneath their firefighting PPE which may be contaminated following attendance at incidents.</p>
	Green	<p>Areas in our buildings that are not involved in operational activity such as dormitories and offices.</p> <p>Operational staff will only enter these areas once they have showered and changed their work wear following an incident. There should be no risk of contaminants in these areas.</p>

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