



Sacred Heart Church

**Missionary Oblates
of Mary Immaculate**

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Fire Risk Assessment.

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- The Church is considered low risk; however we should refrain from keeping papers and dried flowers near candle stands.
- Fire spreads very quickly.
- Candles should be extinguished when the Church is closed.
- Hand held candles need careful monitoring, especially when children are present.
- Exit routes need to be kept clear at all times.
- The main exit route is through the front doors of the Church; there is also the side door and an emergency exit in hallway by Sacristy. All Church doors open easily.
- An evacuation should take place in no more than 2 ½ minutes
- If the event of a fire, the safety of the Parishioner's is paramount. Do not wait for others to make the first move. Once an alarm sounds, start an evacuation.
- A calm controlled environment needs to be maintained.
- Care and attention should be given to the elderly and those with reduced mobility.
- It was suggested that those in wheelchairs, should be placed near exits during services.

- If a service is taking place, the officiating Priest should give instructions for evacuation.
- Fire extinguishers are positioned around the Church. These are serviced and pressured regularly.
- Water should not be used by electrical outlets; these should be used purely for wood and paper. Carbon dioxide and multi- purpose foam extinguishers can be used near electricity and variety of fires.
- Extinguishers are easy to use. Remove hose, pull out pin and squeeze nozzle,
However, as they are heavy care needs to be taken and the outlet can be quite forceful.
- In the event of a fire, toilets and alcoves need to be checked to ensure nobody is left in the Church.
- It was noted that Mobile phone chargers are prone to starting fires, it is therefore important never to leave a charger plugged in once the phone is fully charged.
- Electrical equipment should not be left on standby.