

Risk Calendar

Key dates through the year to help you look after and protect your church and those who use it.

 <p>JANUARY Water pipes and heating</p> <p>Check that your water pipes are lagged, the stopcock is clearly labelled, and your heating system has been serviced by a registered engineer.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/heating</p>	 <p>FEBRUARY Health and safety</p> <p>Review your health & safety arrangements to ensure they remain adequate and are compliant with relevant legal requirements.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/health-and-safety</p>	 <p>MARCH Electrical wiring</p> <p>Check that electrical systems have been inspected by a qualified electrician within the last five years and all portable appliances have been tested.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/electricalsafety</p>	 <p>APRIL Baptismal pools</p> <p>Check levels when filling the pool to avoid water damage, and the proximity of anything electrical to wet areas to avoid electrocution risk.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/baptismal-pools</p>
 <p>MAY Fetes and events</p> <p>Review arrangements to ensure everyone has a great time and remains safe.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/events</p>	 <p>JUNE Church security</p> <p>Lock valuables in a secure area and remove anything that could aid an arson attack.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/church-security</p>	 <p>JULY Lightning protection</p> <p>Check your lightning conductor tape annually and repair breakages. Ensure your lightning protection system has been inspected in the last four years.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/lightning</p>	 <p>AUGUST Slips and trips</p> <p>Review your arrangements to tackle slip and trip hazards indoors and outside.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/slipsandtrips</p>
 <p>SEPTEMBER Darker evenings</p> <p>Review situations where people work alone and ensure adequate precautions are in place to protect them.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/personalsafety</p>	 <p>OCTOBER Bad weather</p> <p>Check pipes and lag where necessary, clear fallen leaves from pathways, ensure trees are safe, and clear roof valleys and gutters of debris.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/badweather</p>	 <p>NOVEMBER Fire risk assessments</p> <p>Review your fire risk assessment. It is important to do this on an annual basis and is a legal requirement.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/fire-safety</p>	 <p>DECEMBER Merry Christmas</p> <p>Review your safety and escape procedures. Check all Christmas lights, power cables, extension leads and precautions for candles and extra equipment.</p> <p>www.baptist-insurance.co.uk/christmas</p>

For further advice and guidance, consult with your risk surveyor, call our risk helpline on **0345 600 7531** (open 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday except bank holidays), or visit www.baptistinsurance.com/risk-management