




FIRE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

Address	Apple Tree Farm High Bickington Umberleigh Devon EX37 9BJ
Telephone number:	01769560095
Date of assessment:	May 2026
Name of assessor:	Brenda Pedroni, Director
Review Frequency:	Annually

Statement of Policy

Statement:

Apple Tree Farm Services CIC takes the protection of its staff and clients very seriously and as such will review Fire Risk Assessments annually and act promptly and duly to any concerns identified.

Signed:		Print Name:	Brenda Pedroni	Date:	14/05/2026
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Management Systems



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Property Description	
<p>1 x timber-built barn used for animal shelter and care and storage of hay/straw and animal fleece/wool, as well as animals and animal feed. 1x portacabin attached the timber barn used for the storage of tools, equipment and animal feed. 1x portacabin used for the sensory room, including heavy electrical equipment and lighting.</p> <p>1 x timber-built barn (The Barn) divided into: One boot room and storage One workshop to house tools, machinery, and equipment. One kitchen One room used as a classroom/restroom facility. One room to provide disabled toilet facilities and washing area</p>	
<p>Occupancy</p> <p>Times premises in use: 24/7 by live-in farm manager and between 06:00 and 23:00 by staff and service users</p> <p>Max number at work at any time: 5</p> <p>Max number of people: 20 (employees and others)</p>	<p>Size:</p> <p>Building Footprint: (metres) 50 X 50</p> <p>Number of floors: 0</p> <p>Number of stairs: 0</p>
Fire Safety Systems	
<p>Fire Warning System:</p> <p>Smoke alarms fitted to the kitchen, barn room and toilet area around the yard.</p>	
<p>Escape Lighting:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Other Fire Safety Systems: (e.g. sprinklers)</p> <p>Fire extinguishers available in the big barn and in the barn kitchen. Fire blankets available by each cooker in the kitchen.</p>	
How a Fire Could Start	
<p>Fire could start in places where igniting items are used, and flammable materials are nearby. The workshop room houses fuel for the machinery as well as power tools. The use of power tools in this enclosed space near the fuels is one way for a fire to start. Cigarette butts inappropriately disposed off could also cause items such as hay and straw, common in farming areas, to come alight. Faulty electrical items and unsupervised fires are ways a fire could start and spread.</p>	



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People Affected by Fire
<p>Clients and staff as well as visitors and neighbours of Apple Tree Farm could all be affected by a fire on our premises. Also, our animals and passers-by on the road adjacent to the farm could also be affected.</p>
Staff Training
<p>Staff to be trained in fire prevention, evacuation and on how to deal with an incident. There must always be one member of staff on site at all times who is first aid and evacuation trained.</p>
Escape Routes
<p>All doors and escape routes are to be kept clear always. When in use, The Barn room must have the stable doors always unlocked. Cars are to be parked appropriately and not causing an obstruction in the driveway or gateway.</p>
Fire Alarm
<p>Fire alarms to be tested regularly and batteries replaced as needed.</p>
Fire Extinguishers
<p>Fire extinguishers to be available in each barn with the corresponding instructions. Fire extinguishers to be maintained and inspected as required.</p>
Fire Action
<p>In case of a fire, dedicated members of staff will assist in the evacuation of the most vulnerable individuals and those in need of help with mobility. Evacuation is to be initiated immediately and all persons in the premises are to meet in the dedicated assembly point and wait for further instructions. A dedicated fire officer will ensure all individuals are accounted for.</p> <p>Assembly Point: Entrance to the farm, by the letterbox.</p> <p>Animals: all animals to be moved to a field of safety using the designated run system around the farm, in a calm manner.</p>



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Fire Information
Summary of Significant Findings
Action Plan

Review Date	Comments
May 22	Fit for purpose
June 23	Fit for purpose
June 24	Fit for purpose
June 25	Fit for purpose