



The British Automatic Fire Sprinklers Association (BAFSA) have published a new Sprinkler Saves Review for 2022/2023.

This second much-anticipated review has been released reinforcing the vital role sprinklers play in fire safety by highlighting real, tangible examples of where sprinklers have actuated and in doing so saved life and property.

The review contains details of 57 fire incidents from the financial year ending March 2023 in which sprinklers were reported as activated and having an impact. From highrise buildings to care homes – it provides an insight into where fires are occurring, their causes of fire and clearly demonstrates how sprinklers are helping save the fire and rescue service time and resources in controlling and containing fires.

The review also examines the fire data sources from the incident recording system for primary fires in which sprinklers were reported as having an impact for 2021/22.

BAFSA has also recently published the Fire Sprinklers Greater London Review 2018/2021

This new report focuses on incidents in Greater London where sprinklers have helped protect our communities. The review is broken down into three key areas:

- Fire trends in Greater London for the period 2018-2021 with reference to the fire datasets captured by the incident recording system.
- An overview of fire datasets for the same period where sprinklers were recorded as being present in three key property types.
- A collection of AFSS sprinkler save case studies that were reported to the Sprinkler Saves website.

Copies of both reviews can be downloaded at https://www.bafsa.org.uk/bafsa-publications/reports/

Hard copies of both reviews are available from BAFSA if required.

Automatic Fire Suppression Systems (AFSS) Sprinklers

Promoting sprinklers on FRS websites

East Sussex Fire Rescue Service have recently refreshed their website (https://www.esfrs.org/automatic-fire-suppression-systems-afss-sprinklers) to include more sprinkler content. BAFSA encourages all fire rescue services, those in

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the fire sector, sprinkler industry to highlight the benefits of sprinklers in their communications both on their websites and through social media and by sharing recent saves from the <u>Sprinkler Saves</u> website.

Recent activations reported to Sprinkler Saves include:

- 1. Brighton Assisted Living tall building
- 2. Nottingham School fire
- 3. Birmingham tall building refuse chute/bin store update (Multiple incidents)
- 4. Derby Shopping centre car park
- 5. London activations March
- 6. Chester residential dwelling kitchen
- 7. Birmingham tall building involving lithium-ion battery

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions. please contact me, Nick Coleshill, BAFSA sprinkler ambassador at: nick.coleshill@bafsa.org.uk



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The importance of reporting sprinkler activations

In order to make sprinklers the norm and not the exception - we need the evidence.

Sprinkler activations is one key area to drive this change, it provides evidence reinforcing the benefits of sprinklers. This is where we need the support of Fire Rescue Services (FRS) from across the UK to encourage their operational/fire protection staff to report sprinkler activations.

Encouraging the FRS to promote, collate, report sprinkler activations to Sprinkler Saves UK will help to create a central and comprehensive record of fire incidents where sprinklers played their role in containing/controlling or extinguishing the fire.

All sprinkler activations can be reported by FRS using the Sprinkler Saves sprinkler activation reporting form at www.sprinklersaves.co.uk

Where available, approved images would be welcome to support any save.

