

Maintaining Fire Doors: What You Need to Know



Check the Certification

Look for the certification label or plug (e.g. Certifire, BM TRADA) on the top or edge of the door. If it's missing, you can't guarantee it's a compliant fire door.



Gaps and Seals Matter

Check that:

- The gap between the door and frame is 2–4mm (use a £1 coin as a quick guide).
- The intumescent seals are intact, continuous, and not painted over.



Inspect Hinges and Closers

- Doors should have at least 3 fire-rated hinges, all screws fitted tight.
- Self-closers must shut the door fully and firmly on their own



No Obstructions or Wedges

- Fire doors must never be wedged open.
- They only protect lives when closed.



Rooms 201 - 202

Lift

Fire door
keep shut

Check for Damage

Any damage to the door, frame, glazing, or seals can affect performance. Repair or replace damaged components with approved parts.



Inspections Are a Legal Duty

Under the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, fire door checks are required:

- Every 3 months for communal fire doors
- Annually for flat entrance doors in multi-occupied residential buildings



Fire doors are your first line of defence in a fire

**Regular checks = safer buildings,
fewer liabilities, and potentially
lives saved.**



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