

Fire Performance Labelling Scheme

Technical note in association with ASFP

The labelling initiative aims to identify fire performance partitions to installers, M&E contractors, building owners, and facilities managers, highlighting the risks of cutting service holes through partitions. Such holes negate the fire resistance performance of the partition, allowing smoke and fire to pass from one compartment to another. This could lead to loss of life and extensive damage to the building, as well as having a huge impact on the business.

The Fire Performance Labelling Scheme is a partnership between the Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP) and FIS. Printed on 60m rolls of self-adhesive tape, the labels will be available from the main distributors of fire-rated partition systems. This simple scheme will ensure that retrofit contractors are aware when a partition is a barrier designed to provide protection from fire and prevent its spread, and that any penetration must be made good to maintain its performance.

Placed at high-level, where the penetrations are likely to pass through the partition and above the line of any suspended ceiling, the labels will identify any partition that is fire-rated and highlight where to seek advice before cutting holes through it. Each label contains a link via a QR code to the ASFP website, providing suitable advice on how to correctly 'fire stop' the work to ensure the performance of the partition is maintained.

By identifying the location of such partitions and providing an instant link to advice, the two Associations hope to assist contractors, building owners and facility managers in maintaining the integrity of all such compartment walls.

The labelling scheme will also help the 'responsible person' manage any retrospective work where cabling or ducting has to pass through a performance partition. It will reduce the risk of breaching the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, and help building owners avoid



costly and disruptive remediation work, while ultimately saving life and property.

The tape should be installed by the partitioning contractor, on completion of the work, in the void above a suspended ceiling and below a raised floor. It can be installed in continuous runs or in short pieces and spaced so that it can easily be seen at any access point. It should **only** be installed where the partitioning has been specified and installed to meet a fire performance rating.

For further information, scan the QR code below or visit: www.asfp.org.uk/webdocs/fire_labelling_scheme.php

