

New LPCB standard for ductwork

Maintaining and cleaning ductwork effectively is key to minimising fire risk whilst increasing hygiene and functionality.

[LPS 2084](#) defines LPCB's requirements for the approval of companies carrying out inspection, cleaning and maintenance of ductwork systems that may be contaminated with combustible deposits. LPS 2084 was launched in May 2017 and ten companies have already applied to join the scheme - a few will have completed the process and will be listed shortly.

Using approved companies gives building owners and responsible persons the reassurance that inspection, maintenance and cleaning of ductwork has been carried out correctly.

Ductwork systems are particularly vulnerable in catering applications. Irrespective of the efficiency of the canopy filters, grease deposits will build up over time in the kitchen extraction ductwork and canopy. Regular cleaning of ducting is therefore essential to avoid grease build-up which can reduce the effectiveness of the extraction system, shorten the life of the fan and create a serious fire hazard.

LPS 2084 assesses companies to ensure that they: meet the requirements of the client contract; document and report correctly; identify and record areas of limited access where inspection, cleaning and maintenance are impractical and communicate these limitations to the client; provide recommendations for access improvements to better facilitate the ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the ductwork system.

The listed companies will be audited by BRE Global on an ongoing regular basis to ensure that they continue to adhere to the requirements of the standard.

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