

# Fuel Safety Bulletin

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During recent talks between this Office and the Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Labour, the question arose regarding the safety of workers in a small take out type food service establishments. These takeouts can range from small chip trucks to through-the-window style canteens where the public does not have access to the building or truck, but is served through an opening in the side of the unit.

In the past, this office has allowed this type of establishment to operate without an automatic fire suppression system as the public has no access to the building and is therefore not at risk. This, however, is flawed thinking as it presupposes that one man's safety is more valuable than an others.

In view of the above, we would inform you that, as of September 1, 1997, all new installations in such premises, or any addition or modification to such premises will require the installation of an automatic fire suppression system in the kitchen exhaust canopy covering griddles, charbroilers, deep fat fryers and any other equipment producing grease laden vapours.