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The Problem

Well maintained fire compartments are a key element in the fire safety of buildings. But they are often breached by the introduction of mechanical, electrical, and I.T. services. Defects can stay hidden away, typically in ceiling voids and riser cupboards, until a fire occurs when the problem becomes all too apparent.

In a fire situation the smallest defect can become a route for the spread of smoke and flame, not only endangering lives but also the property and lifeblood of an organisation. It is a chilling fact that statistically if you have a fire you are likely to be bankrupt within three years due to



Under new legislation, The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, the onus is now on Premises Managers to arrange for Competent persons to undertake fire safety assessments of their buildings.

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Firemen snuff out free checks for firms

New rules will put the safety onus on companies, says **Richard Tyler**

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The Solution

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Middle Left: Diagnostic testing of fire compartment Middle Right: 2 hour firestopping of service penetrations Bottom: Air leakage reading and certification



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