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Fire Protection in Heritage Buildings

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1. Why do heritage buildings often represent a fire safety challenge?

Because the materials and design approaches used to build them often do not meet the fire safety standards set out in the National Construction Code.

2. What is meant by the term 'Active Fire Protection'?

Active Fire Protection refers to measures that are concerned with detecting, stopping and escaping fire.

3. What is meant by the term 'Passive Fire Protection'?

Passive fire protection measures are concerned with containing fires as well as preventing them from spreading and harming people and property.

4. What are fire-resistant sprays?

A cement or vermiculite material sprayed onto buildings to improve fire resistance

5. What is 'Compartmentation'?

'Compartmentation' refers to the practice of dividing buildings into smaller, sealed sections with the aim of limiting the spread of fires.

6. What are Fire-resistant boards?

Fire-resistant boards are engineered boards, designed to resist the spread of fire and contain a fire within a building compartment.