## Factsheet: Mist Systems vs Sprinkler Systems

## Mist

- Same installation process
- Can mean that no further fire fighting effort is needed and reduces risk of injury to fire fighters
- Uses less water than a sprinkler system up to 70% less so will be less of a storage requirement
- Causes less water damage so far less to reinstate the property
- Mist is a kinder spray, ideal for those vulnerable to trauma (young and old)
- Reduced heat with mist systems can aid egress and evacuation
- Mist heads have a micro bulb up in the ceiling and protected by a one-piece shield which is almost flush with the ceiling
- Mist systems use smaller pipework that has a cost saving and easier to conceal
- A sidewall version can be fitted in the walls if there is no adequate ceiling
- More efficient and effective

## Sprinkler

- Same installation process
- Can mean that no further fire fighting effort is needed and reduces risk of injury to fire fighters
- Reduce the cost of fire damage to properties
- Enables design of buildings to be more flexible and open plan with less need for fire doors
- Sprinklers save lives The National Fire Protection
  Association (NFPA) has no record of more than two
  deaths in a fire when the building had a functional
  sprinkler system in place.
- Reduces insurance premiums on buildings
- Relatively low maintenance only need inspecting once a year
- Relatively inexpensive and simple to install
- Better for the environment a fraction of the water is used compared to fire services and carbon emissions are far lower so better for the environment



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