



Oil Storage Policy

All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S_Doc_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls oil storage at church.

Our existing oil storage facility needs to comply with the latest regulations. Our routine storage of 3,000 litres does not require us to follow industrial level regulations as that threshold is 3,500 litres. The tank is rated at 3,700 litres with a gross bund volume 5,200 litres, but as storage is over 201 litres our storage methodology needs to be confirmed. The oil storage regulations provide exemptions which we do not need to follow if our storage containers are.

- 1) Underground
- 2) At a refinery
- 3) At a premises for onward distribution of oil, rather than a premises which sells oil directly to end users
- 4) Stored in a building – a permanent or temporary structure with walls and a roof that would capture oil leaking from the container.

As our church's heating oil is in the boiler house we clearly fall into category 4 above. Nonetheless there is sufficient bunding (more than 4,000 litres) round the oil tank as an additional control measure, even though not strictly needed.

Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

The Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001

Procedure

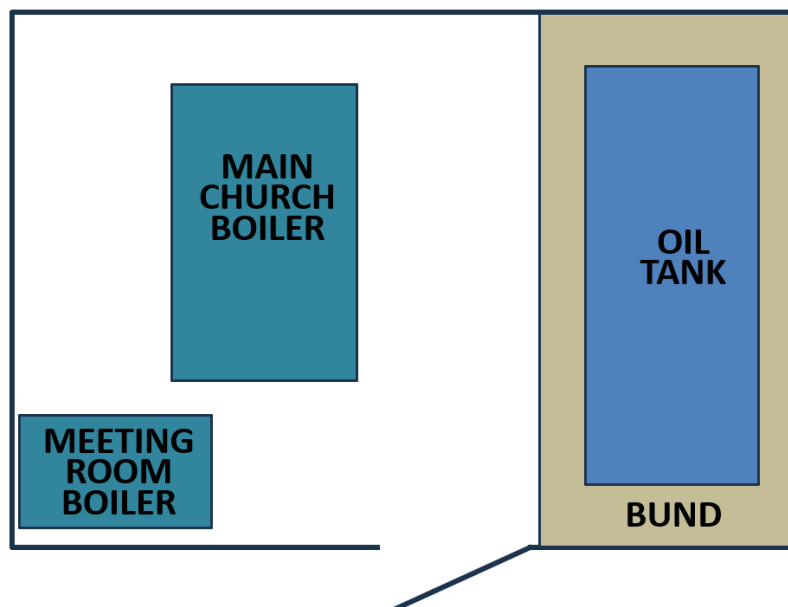
Any changes to the heating oil storage arrangements must be carried out by a competent organisation allowing us to continue to comply with the oil storage regulations.

Forms

None

Diagrams

Diagram 1. Boiler room layout



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Appendices

None

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