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FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.  
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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU  
HELP US TO HELP YOU

7th December, 1968.

Gentlemen,

Recent fires in the Colony, not necessarily involving air conditioning, have brought to my attention a most serious weakness in ducted installations.

2. These air ducts, due to a variety of reasons, have without exception collapsed during an outbreak of fire, in many cases leaving intact the wall or structure through which they have penetrated.

3. It is therefore evident, that in all cases, effective from the date of this circular, that where a fire damper is required to be fitted, it shall be provided with a coaming or casing which shall be physically bolted to the structure through which the duct penetrates.

4. The coaming or casing shall be entirely constructed from metal, of a gauge not less than that required for the fire damper as detailed in my previous circular dated 28th May 1968 "Fire Dampers".

5. I look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*James R. S. Pickett*  
(J.R.S. Pickett)  
for Director of Fire Services.

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