



## **Fire Safety Requirements for Massage Establishment**

### **A. Restrictions on Location**

The premises shall not be located in any industrial building.

### **B. Standard Requirements**

1. All fire service installations and equipment (FSI) provided for the premises shall be retained and maintained in efficient working order. For all maintenance, alteration and addition, such works shall be carried out by a Registered FSI Contractor who shall issue Certificate(s) of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FS 251) to the owner with copies forwarded to the Director of Fire Services within 14 days after completion of the works. A certificate of compliance (FSI/314A, FSI/314B or FSI/314C as appropriate) shall also be submitted by the responsible Registered FSI Contractor to the Director of Fire Services for the alteration and addition works.
2. A sprinkler system in accordance with the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment shall be provided if the premises : -
  - (a) are located in a curtain-walled building or a basement floor and occupy an area exceeding 126 square metres; or
  - (b) are located in other types of building and occupy an area exceeding 230 square metres.
3. Unless a sprinkler system has already been provided, an automatic fire detection system shall be installed if the premises occupy an area exceeding 126 square metres but less than 230 square metres.

4. A fire hydrant/hose reel system in accordance with the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment shall be provided.
5. A manual fire alarm system with visual alarm signals in accordance with the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment with fire alarm call point at each of the following locations shall be provided :-
  - (a) near each exit,
  - (b) the main entrance,
  - (c) the cashier's counter,
  - (d) the reception area, and
  - (e) the waiting area.
6. Alarm bells of the fire alarm system(s) shall be provided at the following locations :
  - (a) bathrooms,
  - (b) saunas, and
  - (c) individual massage or resting cubicles.
7. A dynamic smoke extraction system shall be provided in accordance with the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment if the premises are located in a curtain-walled building or a basement floor with a cubic volume exceeding 7000 cubic metres.
8. The windows of the premises shall not in any way be obstructed by any decoration or sealed up for more than 50% of the designed openable/breakable window areas totally, nor 25% of these areas located on upper part, unless a dedicated smoke extraction system that conforms to the standard set out in the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment as published from time to time by the Director of Fire Services shall be provided.
9. All exits shall be suitably indicated by illuminated signs bearing the words and characters "EXIT 出口" in block letters and characters of not less than 125mm high with 15mm strokes. The colour of the letters/characters and contrasting colour on the background shall comply with the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment.
10. If the exit signs are out of sight to any location within the premises, suitable directional signs in same dimensions as the exit signs shall be provided to assist the occupant to identify the exits in the event of an emergency.

11. Low level directional signs capable of indicating the route to an exit in darkness shall be provided at 200mm above floor level.
12. Emergency lighting shall be provided to the premises and the attached requirements for Self-contained Luminaries Emergency Lighting System (PPA/104(A)) shall be complied with.
13. A ventilation/air-conditioning control system shall be provided to the premises if applicable and the attached Requirements for Ventilation/Air-conditioning Control Systems for Licensed Premises shall be complied with.
14. All combustible materials including all linings for acoustic, thermal insulation or decorative purposes used as false ceilings, partitions or wall furnishings shall conform to the standards as tabulated in Appendix I, or to another standard acceptable to the Director of Fire Services, or shall be brought up to any of those standards by treating with a fire retardant paint or solution acceptable to the Director of Fire Services. In the latter case, the work shall be carried out by a Class 2 Registered FSI Contractor and a Certificate of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FS251) to this effect from the Registered FSI Contractor shall be forwarded to the Director of Fire Services as documentary proof of compliance.
15. All draperies and curtains, if installed, shall be made of fire resistant material and conform to the standards as tabulated in Appendix I, or to another standard acceptable to the Director of Fire Services, or shall be brought up to any of those standards by treating with a fire retardant solution acceptable to the Director of Fire Services. In the latter case, the work shall be carried out by a Class 2 Registered FSI Contractor and a Certificate of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FS251) to this effect from the Contractor shall be forwarded to the Director of Fire Services as documentary proof of compliance.
16. PU Foam
  - 16.1 All PU foam filled mattresses and covering material used for fabrication of the mattresses shall conform to the standards as tabulated in Appendix I or to other standard acceptable to the Director of Fire Services.
  - 16.2 All PU foam filled upholstered furniture and covering material used for fabrication of the furniture shall conform to the standards as tabulated in Appendix I or to other standard acceptable to the Director of Fire Services.

- 16.3 Each PU foam filled mattresses and upholstered furniture conforming to the standards as tabulated in Appendix I shall bear an appropriate label as shown in Appendix II.
- 16.4 Invoices from manufactures/suppliers and test certificates from testing laboratories indicating that the PU foam filled mattresses and/or furniture items have complied with the specified standards shall be produced for verification. Test certificate shall be issued by a testing laboratory accredited to conduct test according to the specified standard, and be authenticated by the company's stamp of manufacturer/supplier.
17. An exit route plan drawn to a ratio of not less than 1:200 showing the floor layout of the premises and the directions of egress to escape staircases and means of escape shall be displayed prominently on wall immediately adjacent to the exit door of each room intended to be used by customers. The size of the exit plan shall not be less than 250mm x 250mm and shall be affixed at a height of 1500mm above the floor level.
18. The actual layout of the premises shall be in conformity with the latest approved plan.
19. Mechanical Ventilating System
- The mechanical ventilating system installed at the premises shall comply with the Building (Ventilating Systems) Regulations, Cap. 123J, Laws of Hong Kong and the fire safety requirements for mechanical ventilating systems as stipulated in the Fire Services Department Circular Letter No.2/2023.
20. If the premises is located at level 3 of basement or below, the application will be subject to individual consideration coupled with the need for additional Fire Safety Requirements.
21. Additional Requirements (if any) : -

Remarks :

Should the applicants have insurmountable difficulties in complying with the prescribed requirements, they can submit alternative proposals for FSD's consideration. For example, applicants can adopt the Fire Engineering approach, or submit a study report to explain how they will tackle problems of fire suppression, smoke control, evacuation and access of fire services personnel etc.

## **C. Fire Safety Precautions**

### **1. Fire Service Installations and Equipment**

All fire service installations and equipment provided shall be :

- 1.1 Kept clear from any obstruction;
- 1.2 Clearly indicated as regard to their locations and methods of operation;
- 1.3 Maintained in efficient working order at all times; and
- 1.4 Inspected at least once every twelve months.

Works related to para. 1.4 above shall be carried out by a Registered FSI Contractor who shall issue Certificate(s) of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FS251) to the owner with copies forwarded to the Director of Fire Services within 14 days after completion of the works. Failure to observe the FS precautions in para 1.3 & 1.4 may result in the owner of the installations being prosecuted under Regulation 8 of the Fire Services (Installations and Equipment) Regulations, Chapter 95B, Laws of Hong Kong.

### **2. Means of Escape**

All means of escape shall be kept free from obstruction. In particular : -

- 2.1 No article or thing shall be left in the means of escape at any time (if in a domestic building) / at all times when persons are present in the building (if in a commercial building); and
- 2.2 All exits/doors shall be kept openable from the inside without the use of a key and all metal gates and shutters, where installed, shall be kept in the open position at all times when members of the public are present in the premises.

Failure to observe these precautions may result in the operator being prosecuted under Sections 14 and 15 of the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation, Chapter 95F, Laws of Hong Kong without prior warning.

- 2.3 All smoke stop doors provided in the premises shall be kept in closed position at all times.

### **3. Dangerous Goods**

- 3.1 No storage or use of Dangerous Goods (DG) in excess of the respective general exempt quantity (GEQ) within the meaning of the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012, Chapter 295E, Laws of Hong Kong is permitted without a licence granted by the Director of Fire Services.

**Acceptable Fire Resistance Standards for Massage Establishment Premises**

<b>Items</b>	<b>GB Standards</b>	<b>EU Standards</b>	<b>UK Standards</b>	<b>US Standards</b>
All combustible materials including all linings for acoustic, thermal insulation or decorative purposes used as false ceilings, partitions or wall furnishings	GB 8624 (Class B1 or above)	BS EN 13501-1 (Class C or above)	BS 476 : Part 7 (Class 2 or above)	ASTM E-84 / UL 723 (Class A)
Draperies and curtains	GB 20286 (Class 1 - Textile)	BS EN 13501-1 (Class C or above)	BS 5867 : Part 2 (Type B)	-
		BS EN 13773 (Class 1)		
PU foam filled mattresses	GB 20286 (Class 1 – Furniture/ Components)	-	BS 7177 (Medium Hazard)	TB 129
				TB 121
PU foam filled upholstered furniture		-	BS 7176 (Medium Hazard)	TB 133

Sample of Label

Sample I

NOTICE

THIS ARTICLE IS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN PUBLIC OCCUPANCIES AND MEETS THE FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL STANDARD (GB) 20286 (CLASS 1 - FURNITURE / COMPONENTS) / CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF HOME FURNISHINGS TECHNICAL BULLETIN 133"/129"/121". CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED NEAR OPEN FLAME OR WITH BURNING CIGARETTES.

\*Delete wherever inapplicable

Note : The minimum size of the label shall be 5 x 7.5 cm and the minimum size of the type shall be 3 mm in height. All type shall be in capital letters.

Sample II



Sample III

