## **Know Your Fire Ratings!**



# Building Regulations specify the use of fire resistant materials in all public buildings including schools, hospitals and government buildings<sup>1</sup>.

Offices, rooms and classrooms require that noticeboards are fire rated to BS476 Part 7 Class 1. In corridors and stairwells, noticeboards must be compliant with Class B EN 13501.

### **Our boards**

Pitts Presentation offers noticeboards and tamperproof lockable noticeboards in both fire ratings.

#### **Class 1 Noticeboards**

Our Pitts Premier Felt, Charles Twite, Camira Cara and Camira Lucia and Corded Hessian fabrics are all fire rated and we can provide fire certificates certified to BS476 Part 7 Class 1.

\*Tamperproof lockable noticeboards include a BS476-Part 1 Class 1 fire rated polycarbonate cover.

#### **Class B Noticeboards**

Pitts NEW Polycolour FR<sup>®</sup> Class B Noticeboard range is fire tested to BS EN 13501-1:2007+A1: 2009.

Available in six different colours and three frames, it is a versatile product which is also recyclable in the PET waste stream.

We also offer Class B fabric covered noticeboard made with a Class B fire rated backing board and covered with fire rated fabric (Pitts Premier Felt, Charles Twite, Camira Cara and Camira Lucia and Corded Hessian) composite board tested to Class B EN 13501.



\*Class B Tamperproof lockable noticeboards include a BS476-Part 1 Class 1 fire rated polycarbonate cover, composite test to BS EN 13501-1:2007+A1: 2009.

We can provide datasheets and fire certificates on request.

#### Pitts Polycolour FR® find out more

### References

<sup>1</sup>Building Regulations Fire Safety Volume 2

## Building Bulleting 100: Design for fire safety in schools 2007/2014 Education and Skills Funding Agency

3.1.6 Corridors and circulation areas: the schools' circulation routes will almost certainly be important for relaying information to the pupils by means of notice boards, or used as a display area for eg, pupils' work. Notice boards should not be more than 3m wide, and there should be a gap between notice boards on the same wall of at least 1m. Notice boards in a protected corridor should be fitted with a cover, preferably top hung so that the cover cannot be left 'jutting-out' into the escape route. If a corridor is lined with lockers then these should be made from materials of limited combustibility (as defined in appendix A), and any rooms off the corridor should be regarded as inner rooms with the corridor treated as the access room (see section 4.3.2.6).

5.2.2 Variations and special provisions 5.2.2.1 Walls Parts of walls in rooms may be of a poorer performance than specified in section 5.2.1.1 and table 7 (but not poorer than Class 3 (National class) or Class D-s3, d2 (European class)), provided the total area of those parts in any one room does not exceed one half of the floor area of the room; and subject to a maximum of 60m2. Notice boards with a surface spread of flame are permitted in classrooms, but these should not extend more than 2.5m without having a break between them of not less than 0.4m, and should be located away from potential sources of ignition. Notice boards should not be provided in dead end corridors unless covered by a suitable material (e.g. glass or polycarbonate), see section 3.1.6.