

## Introduction

Any equipment used in a sprinkler system should be:

- Fit for purpose (passed the appropriate approval body standard)
- Supplied and fitted in accordance with relevant British Standards
- Installed in accordance with the supplier's instructions

There are three internationally recognised approval bodies for testing sprinkler products and services, these are:

### 1. Red Book Live

The Lost Prevention Certification Board (LPCB) list of approved products and services. This is provided by BRE (Building Research Establishment) Certification.

Online link: <http://www.brecertification.co.uk/page.jsp?sid=16>

### 2. Underwriters Laboratories (UL)

A list of products and their components tested by UL safety standards.

Online links:

<http://ulstandardsinfontet.ul.com/>

<http://www.ul.com/info/standard.htm>

### 3. Factory Mutual (FM)

FM Approvals offers worldwide certification and testing services of industrial and commercial loss prevention products. It assures customers a product or service has been objectively tested and conforms to the highest national and international standards.

Online links:

<http://www.fmglobal.com/approvals/approved/approved.asp>

<http://www.fmglobal.com/approvals/resources/standards.asp>