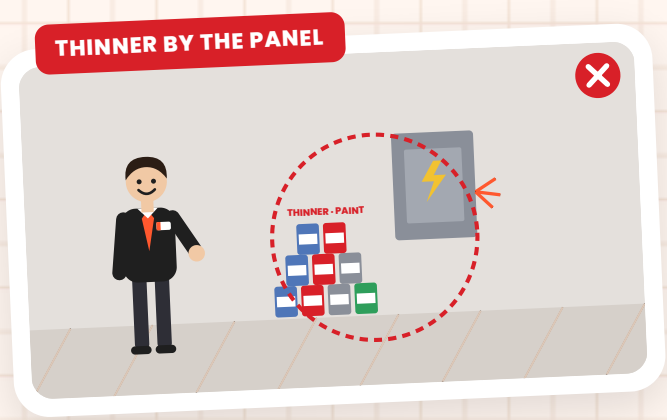
PRISON RISK Showrooms, workshops, paint shops & parts stores

Civil Defense Compliance Guidebook for Automotive Companies

Fire safety, standard by standard: what Civil Defense checks before it renews your Salamah certificate, what good looks like, **and what a gap can cost: fines, prison, and the licence to operate.**





6 months

in prison, and/or up to SAR 30,000, for violating **any provision** of the Civil Defense Law.

No Salamah

no municipal licence. Without a valid certificate, the Balady licence can't be renewed.

SAR 500K

per violation plus **1 year in prison** and closure, in the draft amendment published in Dec 2024.

9 standards | 19 checkpoints | Right way / wrong way | Real enforcement cases | Ideal fix time

Today SAR 30K + 6 months prison → **Dec 2024** Draft law published → **Proposed** SAR 500K + 1 year + closure → **Penalties are heading up, not down.**

WHY THIS GUIDEBOOK EXISTS

A dealership is a building full of fuel, paint and people.

Few retail sites hold as much fire load as a car dealership: dozens of fuelled vehicles, a paint shop, stacks of tyres, batteries and welding, with customers walking through the middle of it. That's why Civil Defense requires a valid **Salamah certificate**, and why every provision of the Civil Defense Law carries **up to SAR 30,000 and 6 months in prison**.

This guidebook turns the fire-safety checklist into a shared picture of what good looks like, and what failure costs, so facility teams and auditors work from the same page.

SIX FIRE RISKS EVERY AUTOMOTIVE SITE CARRIES

Fuel
in every car on the floor and in the workshop

Paint & thinners
in the paint shop and body shop

Batteries
including high-voltage EV packs

Tyres
stacked high in parts stores

Welding & grinding
sparks next to oil and fuel

Gas & aerosols
LPG, compressed sprays, lubricants

WHERE THE RISK SITS, AND WHICH STANDARD CONTROLS IT

1	2	3	4	5
Showroom	Workshop	Paint shop	Parts & tyre store	Whole site
SAF 001 · 005 · 006	SAF 002 · 007 · 008	SAF 002 · 007	SAF 004 · 007	SAF 003 · 009

WHO IT'S FOR

Dealer principals & GMs
Keep Salamah valid and the licence to operate safe.

Facility & HSE teams
Know exactly what Civil Defense checks, and fix it first.

Auditors
Walk the site the way an inspector would.

FINES ARE ONLY THE START

Civil Defense doesn't just fine you. It can take away the licence to operate.

Under Article 30 of the Civil Defense Law, any breach can mean a fine, prison, or both. Serious cases go to the **Board of Grievances**. And without a valid **Salamah certificate**, the municipality won't renew your licence, so the business stops either way.

THE PENALTY LADDER

LEVEL 1

SAR 30,000

Maximum fine today for any violation of the law or its regulations (Art. 30).

LEVEL 2

6 months

Prison, alone or with the fine. Serious cases referred to the Board of Grievances.

LEVEL 3

Licence blocked

No valid Salamah, no municipal licence renewal. Sites suspended until compliant.

LEVEL 4

SAR 500K + 1 yr

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): per violation, plus closure where lives are at risk.

TODAY'S LAW VS. THE DRAFT AMENDMENT

CONSEQUENCE	TODAY	DRAFT AMENDMENT	SOURCE
Fine	Up to SAR 30,000	**Up to SAR 500,000 per violation**	Art. 30 · draft amendment
Prison	Up to 6 months	**Up to 1 year**	Art. 30 · draft amendment
On-the-spot fine	—	**Up to SAR 10,000 per violation, by the inspector**	Draft amendment
Licence	Salamah refused → municipal licence blocked	**Suspension or revocation**	Salamah · draft amendment
Closure	Operations suspended until compliant (e.g. Riyadh, 2017)	**Closure where lives or property are in immediate danger**	Civil Defense practice · draft

Civil Defense doesn't publish per-case fines. The draft amendment was published for public consultation on the Istitlaa platform in Dec 2024 and is not confirmed as in force. Check its status before quoting it as current law.

YOUR CEILING TODAY

SAR 270K

9 standards × SAR 30,000, **plus prison** for the people responsible.

UNDER THE DRAFT

SAR 4.5M

9 standards × SAR 500,000, plus **up to 1 year in prison** and closure.

WHAT ONE FIRE CAN BURN

SAR 6M

Example: 40 cars × SAR 150,000 on one showroom floor, **before the building**.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

One page per standard. Every one can mean prison.

1. **Header**: code, area, owner and the maximum penalty
2. **The law**: the code and article Civil Defense will cite
3. **The cost**: fine, what else can happen and a real case
4. **Right / wrong**: illustrated pass and fail, plus how to audit

THE 9 CIVIL DEFENSE STANDARDS

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VERIFY: the fine for this item comes from the general Art. 30 penalty; confirm applicability for your site.

IDEAL FIX TIME · COUNTED FROM AUDIT SUBMISSION

Immediate	Fix before end of shift · fire could start or spread now	4 standards
24 hours	Fix within 1 working day · people can't escape safely	1 standard
72 hours	Fix within 3 working days · licence at risk	1 standard
7 days	Fix within 1 week · maintenance and ownership gaps	2 standards
30 days	Plan and close within 1 month · plans, drills, training	1 standard

SCORING EACH CHECKPOINT

PASS

Every criterion met at the time of audit, with evidence captured.

FAIL

Any criterion not met. "Immediate" items: stop the activity until it's safe.

N/A

Only where "Applies when" rules it out (e.g. no sprinklers, no LPG). Record why.

SAF-001 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 01 OF 09

Valid Civil Defense Salamah Certificate

Area **Whole site** | Person in charge **Branch Manager · HSE Officer** | Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): **up to SAR 500,000** and 1 year

• HIGH | ⛓ PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · Salamah safety certificate required for commercial and industrial facilities · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

The branch holds a valid, unexpired Salamah safety certificate, and the activities and premises it lists match what the site actually does today.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Is a valid, unexpired Civil Defense (Salamah) safety certificate available for this branch?

Q2 Do the activity and premises details on the certificate match the actual branch operation?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

Up to SAR 30,000 and/or **imprisonment of up to 6 months** for violating any provision of the Civil Defense Law or its regulations (Art. 30).

BEYOND THE FINE

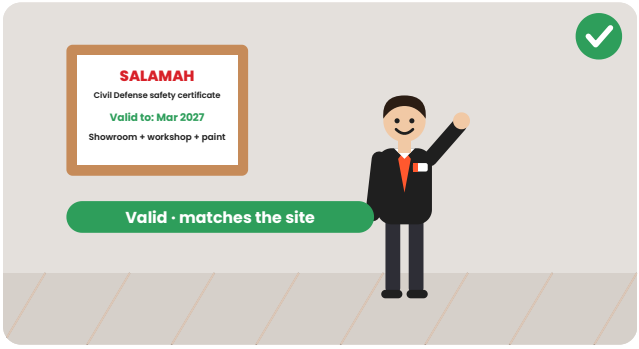
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WHY IT MATTERS

Licence blocked

Without a valid Salamah certificate, the **Balady municipal licence can't be issued or renewed**. No licence, no legal operation.

✔ RIGHT WAY



Salamah certificate valid to 2027, covering showroom, workshop and paint shop.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Certificate expired, and it only lists a showroom. The paint shop was added later.

PURPOSE

Salamah is the licence to operate safely. A certificate that doesn't match the site means Civil Defense never approved the riskiest parts of it.

FIX IT WITHIN

◷ 72 hours

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Certificate valid on the audit date
- Every activity on site (workshop, paint, parts) listed
- Premises and area match the certificate

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Photograph the certificate
2. Walk the site and list every activity
3. Compare the list with the certificate

Evidence: Photo of certificate + activity comparison.

WORST CASE An expired or mismatched certificate can **block the municipal licence**. Operating without one risks **SAR 30,000 and up to 6 months in prison**.

SAF-002 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 02 OF 09

Fire Alarm System Operational

Area **Workshop · Paint booth · Parts store**

Person in charge **Facility Manager · HSE Officer**

Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

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• HIGH **⛓ PRISON RISK**

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · **Saudi Fire Code SBC 801** (fire detection and alarm systems; inspection, testing and maintenance) · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

The fire alarm panel shows normal status with no faults or disabled zones, and every detector and manual call point is in place, uncovered and reachable.

Applies when: Where a fire alarm system is required or installed under SBC 801 or the Salamah certificate.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Does the fire alarm control panel show normal status with no active faults or disabled zones?

Q2 Are smoke/heat detectors and manual call points in place and unobstructed?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

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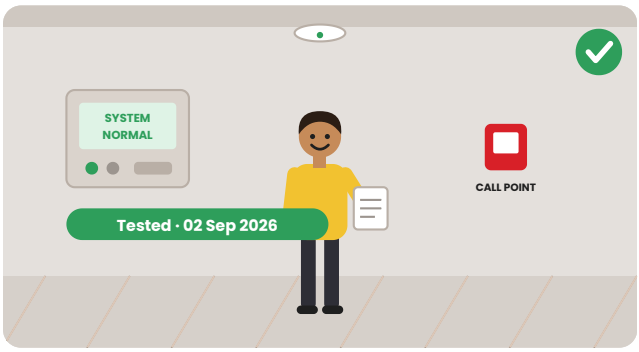
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REAL ENFORCEMENT

SAR 500,000

per violation, **up to 1 year in prison**, licence suspension and closure: the draft Civil Defense Law amendment published for consultation in Dec 2024. Not yet in force.

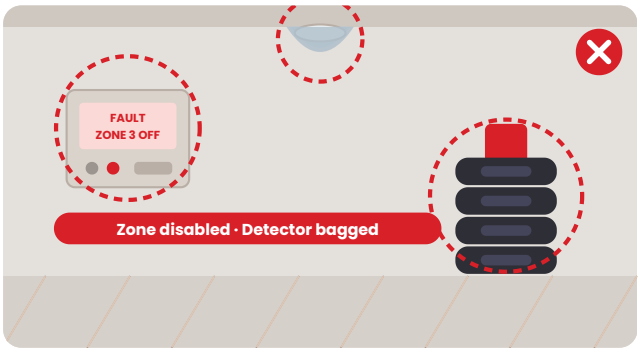
✔ RIGHT WAY



Panel shows SYSTEM NORMAL, detectors clear and the call point in plain reach.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Zone 3 disabled after a false alarm. A detector is bagged and tyres block the call point.

PURPOSE

Workshops store fuel, oil, paint and batteries. A disabled zone means a fire in the paint booth is noticed only when it's already spreading.

FIX IT WITHIN

◷ Immediate

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Panel shows normal: no faults, no disabled or isolated zones
- All detectors and call points present, uncovered and reachable
- Last service test logged within schedule

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Read the panel screen and event log
2. Walk every zone: workshop, paint booth, parts store
3. Check test tags against the maintenance contract

Evidence: Photo of panel status + call points + latest maintenance report.

WORST CASE If a fire breaks out in a disabled zone, the law allows **up to 6 months in prison**, and without Salamah the **whole site can lose its licence**.

SAF-003 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 03 OF 09

Fire Protection Maintenance Contract & Records

Area **Whole site** | Person in charge **Facility Manager** | Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): **up to SAR 500,000** and 1 year

• HIGH | ⛓ PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · **SBC 801** (inspection, testing and maintenance of fire protection systems) · Salamah renewal requirements · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

Fire protection systems are maintained under a valid contract with a Civil Defense-accredited safety contractor, and inspection, testing and maintenance records are current.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Is there a valid maintenance contract for fire protection systems with a Civil Defense-accredited safety contractor?

Q2 Are periodic inspection, testing and maintenance records for fire protection systems current?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

Up to SAR 30,000 and/or **imprisonment of up to 6 months** for violating any provision of the Civil Defense Law or its regulations (Art. 30).

BEYOND THE FINE

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REAL ENFORCEMENT

SAR 10,000

per violation, issued **on the spot by an inspector** without going to court, under the same draft amendment (Dec 2024).

✔ RIGHT WAY



Accredited contractor, valid contract, extinguishers tagged this month.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Contract expired in 2025 with an unaccredited firm. Extinguisher last checked in 2023.

PURPOSE

Fire equipment that hasn't been serviced may not work when it's needed. The contract and records are also what Salamah renewal depends on.

FIX IT WITHIN

◷ 7 days

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Valid contract with an accredited contractor
- Inspection and test reports within schedule
- Extinguisher and system tags current

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Ask for the contract and check accreditation
2. Review the last 12 months of reports
3. Spot-check 5 extinguisher tags

Evidence: Contract copy + contractor accreditation + reports.

WORST CASE An extinguisher that fails in a real fire turns a **SAR 30,000 violation** into a disaster, and a lapsed contract can **stop your Salamah renewal**.

SAF-004 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 04 OF 09

Sprinkler System Condition

Area **Parts store · Tyre storage · Workshop**

Person in charge **Facility Manager · Warehouse Manager**

Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): **up to SAR 500,000** and 1 year

HIGH · PRISON RISK

THE LAW
SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · **SBC 801** (automatic sprinkler systems – maintenance) · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

Sprinkler control valves are open and secured, and sprinkler heads are free of stacked goods, paint and covers.

Applies when: Where an automatic sprinkler system is installed.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Are sprinkler control valves in the open position and secured/supervised?

Q2 Are sprinkler heads free from obstruction by stored goods, paint or covers?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

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BEYOND THE FINE

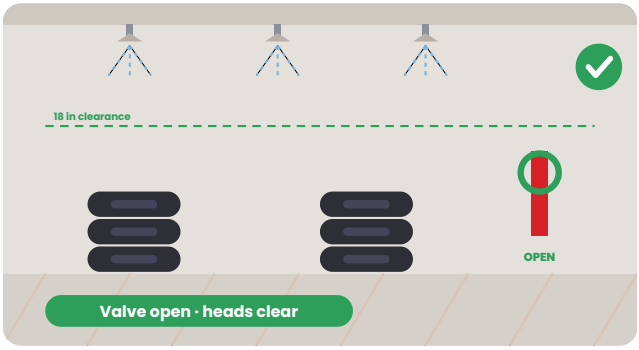
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REAL ENFORCEMENT

4 buildings

in Riyadh were **suspended from operating** by Civil Defense (2017) over basement storage and missing safety systems, until they complied.

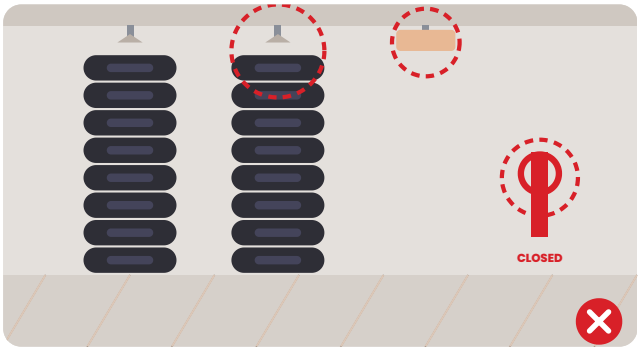
✔ RIGHT WAY



Valve open and sealed. Tyres stacked well below the sprinkler heads.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Tyres stacked to the ceiling, one head covered, and the control valve closed.

PURPOSE

A closed valve means the whole system is dead. Stock stacked up to the heads blocks the water exactly where the fire load is.

FIX IT WITHIN

Immediate

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Every control valve open and secured
- Clear space kept below every sprinkler head
- No paint, tape or covers on any head

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Check each control valve position and seal
2. Walk storage areas and look up
3. Photograph any stock near the heads

Evidence: Photos of valves + storage clearance.

WORST CASE A closed sprinkler valve in a tyre store is how a small fire becomes a total loss. The law allows **SAR 30,000 and 6 months in prison**; the draft raises it to **SAR 500,000**.

SAF-005 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 05 OF 09

Emergency Lighting & Illuminated Exit Signs

Area **Showroom · Workshop · Offices**

Person in charge **Facility Manager**

Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): **up to SAR 500,000** and 1 year

• HIGH | ⛓ PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · **SBC 801** (means of egress illumination and exit signs) · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

Emergency lights come on when power fails, and illuminated exit and direction signs are lit and visible along every escape route.

Applies when: Covers fire-code lighting and signage. Emergency exit routes are also checked under labour law.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Does emergency lighting operate when tested (power-fail test)?

Q2 Are illuminated exit/directional signs lit and visible along escape routes?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

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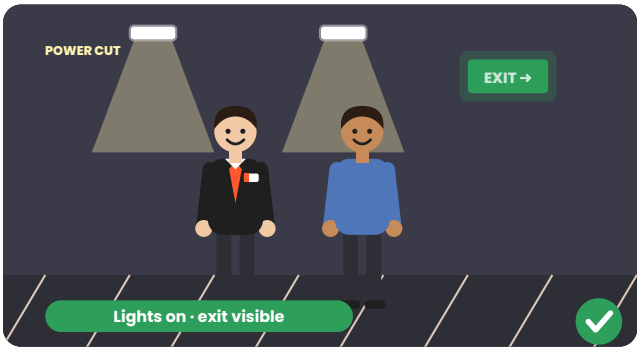
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REAL ENFORCEMENT

SAR 10,000

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✔ RIGHT WAY



Power cut: emergency lights on and the exit sign glowing.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Power cut: total darkness, and nobody can see the exit.

PURPOSE

Fires often cut the power. Without emergency lighting, staff and customers are searching for the exit in smoke and darkness.

FIX IT WITHIN

◷ 24 hours

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Emergency lights work on a power-fail test
- Every exit sign lit and visible
- Monthly test recorded

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Run a power-fail test with the facility team
2. Walk every escape route
3. Check the test log

Evidence: Test record + photos of signs.

WORST CASE If people can't find the exit in a fire, the fine is the least of it. The law allows **up to 6 months in prison** for safety violations.

SAF-006 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 06 OF 09

Evacuation Plan & Fire Drills

Area **Whole site** | Person in charge **HSE Officer · Branch Manager**

Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): **up to SAR 500,000** and 1 year

HIGH | PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · **SBC 801 Ch. 4** (emergency planning and preparedness, evacuation drills) · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

An approved evacuation plan is displayed at key points, drills are held and recorded at the required frequency, and staff know their fire-emergency roles.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

- Q1 Is an approved evacuation plan displayed at key locations?
- Q2 Has an evacuation drill been conducted and recorded within the required frequency?
- Q3 Have staff been trained on their fire-emergency roles?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

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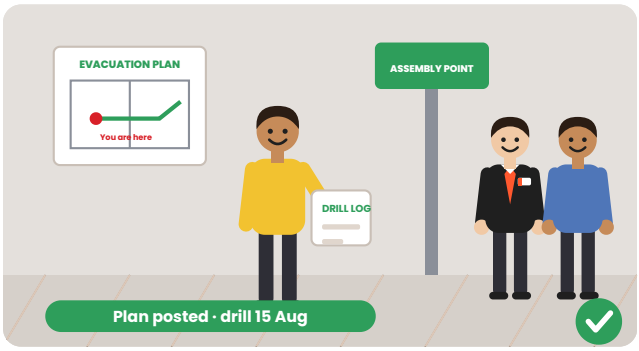
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REAL ENFORCEMENT

6 months

in prison is allowed under the current law, on top of or instead of the fine. Cases can be referred to the **Board of Grievances**.

✔ RIGHT WAY



Plan posted, assembly point marked, drill held and logged.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



No plan on the wall and no drill ever held.

PURPOSE

A showroom full of customers and a workshop full of fuel need a plan everyone has practised. In a real fire, there's no time to learn it.

FIX IT WITHIN

30 days

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Approved evacuation plan at every key location
- Drill held and recorded within the required frequency
- Staff know their roles (warden, first-aid, head count)

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Photograph each plan
2. Check the drill log dates
3. Ask 2 staff what their role is

Evidence: Photos of plans + drill log + staff answers.

WORST CASE If a fire injures staff or customers and no drill was ever held, the site manager faces questions that **can end in prison**.

SAF-007 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 07 OF 09

Flammable Liquids Storage

Area **Paint shop · Workshop · Stores**

Person in charge **HSE Officer · Warehouse Manager**

Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

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HIGH · PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · **SBC 801** (flammable and combustible liquids) · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

Fuel, paints, thinners, solvents and alcohol are kept in approved safety cabinets or a designated store, away from ignition sources and electrical panels.

Applies when: Where flammable liquids are stored or used.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Are flammable liquids (fuel, paints, thinners, solvents, alcohol) stored in approved safety cabinets or a designated storage area?

Q2 Are flammable materials kept away from ignition sources and electrical panels?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

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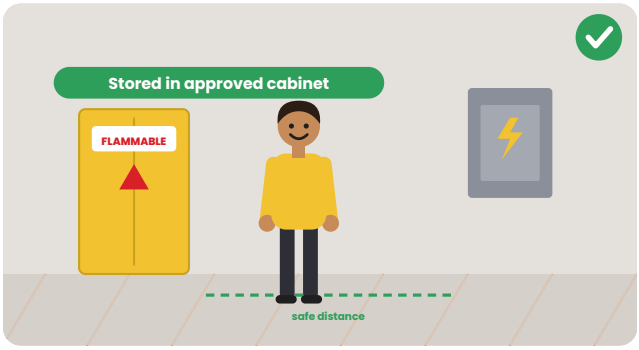
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WHY IT MATTERS

6 products

Civil Defense has warned that gas canisters, compressed sprays and lighters **can ignite in Saudi summer heat**. A paint store holds dozens of them.

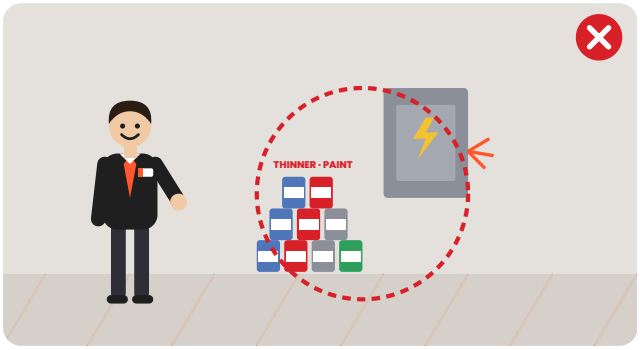
✔ RIGHT WAY



Paints and thinners in a closed flammables cabinet, well away from the panel.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Thinner and paint cans stacked next to a sparking electrical panel.

PURPOSE

Paints and workshops hold more flammable liquid than almost any other retail business. One spark near an open stack is enough.

FIX IT WITHIN

Immediate

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- All flammables in approved cabinets or a designated store
- Nothing flammable near panels, heaters or welding
- Cabinets closed and labelled

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Walk the paint shop, workshop and stores
2. Check the distance to electrical panels
3. Open cabinets and check contents

Evidence: Photos of cabinets + clear zones around panels.

WORST CASE A thinner fire next to a panel spreads in seconds, through a building full of cars. The law allows **SAR 30,000 and 6 months in prison**; the loss is far bigger.

SAF-008 CIVIL DEFENSE · STANDARD 08 OF 09

LPG Cylinder Installation Safety

Area **Workshop · Staff kitchen** | Person in charge **Facility Manager**

Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

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• HIGH | ⛓ PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

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WHAT WE CHECK

LPG cylinders are in a ventilated, secured area outside occupied spaces, and hoses, regulators and connections are in good condition with no leaks.

Applies when: Where LPG is used (workshops, staff kitchens).

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Are LPG cylinders located in a ventilated, secured area outside occupied spaces as required by Civil Defense?

Q2 Are LPG hoses, regulators and connections in good condition with no signs of leakage?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

THE FINE

Up to SAR 30,000 and/or **imprisonment of up to 6 months** for violating any provision of the Civil Defense Law or its regulations (Art. 30).

BEYOND THE FINE

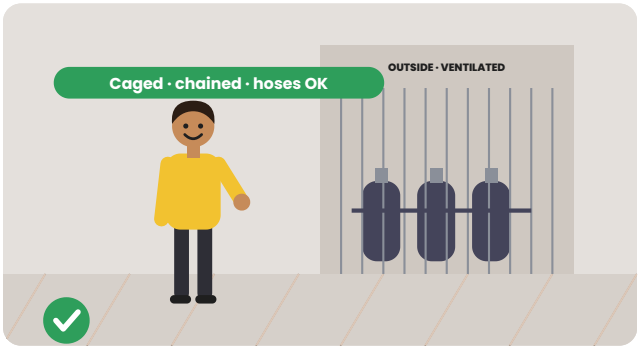
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WHERE THE LAW IS HEADING

SAR 500,000

per violation, **up to 1 year in prison**, licence suspension and closure: the draft Civil Defense Law amendment published for consultation in Dec 2024. Not yet in force.

✔ RIGHT WAY



Cylinders caged and chained outside, with hoses in good condition.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



A leaking cylinder indoors, right next to someone welding.

PURPOSE

A leaking cylinder inside a workshop is an explosion waiting for a spark, and welding, grinding and engines all make sparks.

FIX IT WITHIN

◷ Immediate

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- ✓ Cylinders outside, ventilated, caged and chained
- ✓ Hoses, regulators and connections in good condition
- ✓ No cylinders inside occupied spaces

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Locate every cylinder on site
2. Inspect hoses and connections
3. Check for any cylinder indoors

Evidence: Photos of cylinder area + hose condition.

WORST CASE A gas explosion in a workshop is the kind of event the draft law's **closure and 1-year prison** provisions are written for. Today: **SAR 30,000 and 6 months**.

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Designated Safety Officer

Area **Whole site** | Person in charge **HSE Officer** | Regulator **Civil Defense (MOI)**

MAXIMUM PENALTY

SAR 30,000

per violation, and/or up to 6 months in prison

Draft amendment (Dec 2024): **up to SAR 500,000** and 1 year

• HIGH | ⛓ PRISON RISK

THE LAW

SALAMAH

Civil Defense Law (Royal Decree M/10 of 10/5/1406H) · General Directorate of Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) · Civil Defense safety requirements for facilities · Penalty: **Art. 30**

WHAT WE CHECK

A safety officer or responsible person is formally designated for fire safety at the site, and their name and contact details are available on site.

Applies when: Where Civil Defense requires a safety officer. Confirm for your facility type and size.

CHECKPOINTS IN THE AUDIT

Q1 Is a safety officer/responsible person formally designated for fire safety at this site?

Q2 Is the safety officer's name and contact available on site?

WHAT NON-COMPLIANCE COSTS YOU

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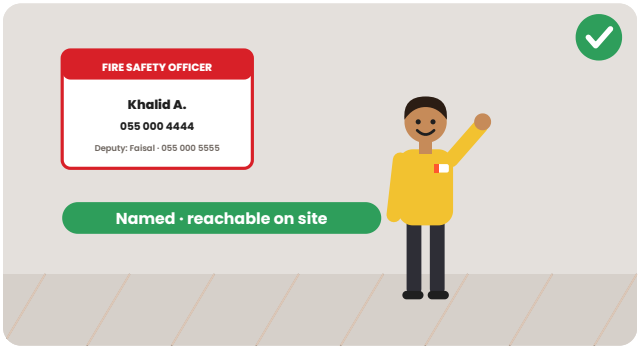
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WHO ANSWERS

Board of Grievances

is where serious Civil Defense cases are sent. It can impose **prison and fines together**, and it will ask who was responsible.

✔ RIGHT WAY



Safety officer named on the wall with a deputy and mobile numbers.

✖ WRONG WAY

SAR 30K + PRISON



Nobody is named. Nobody knows who owns fire safety.

PURPOSE

Every other standard in this guide needs an owner. Without one, alarms stay disabled and drills never happen.

FIX IT WITHIN

◷ 7 days

AUDIT CRITERIA · PASS WHEN

- Safety officer formally appointed in writing
- Name and contact displayed on site
- Deputy named for absences

IDEAL WAY OF AUDITING

1. Ask for the appointment letter
2. Check the notice at reception
3. Ask the officer about the last drill

Evidence: Appointment letter + photo of notice.

WORST CASE When a fire investigation asks who was responsible and the answer is nobody, **the site manager is responsible**, with prison on the table.

FIX IT BEFORE CIVIL DEFENSE FINDS IT, OR A FIRE DOES

Your 30-day fire safety action plan.

Start on the left: these are the gaps that could **start or spread a fire today**. Tick a standard off only when the evidence is on file.

Today

- ☐ **SAF-002** Fire Alarm System Operational
  Immediate
- ☐ **SAF-004** Sprinkler System Condition
  Immediate
- ☐ **SAF-007** Flammable Liquids Storage
  Immediate
- ☐ **SAF-008** LPG Cylinder Installation Safety
  Immediate
- ☐ **SAF-005** Emergency Lighting & Illuminated Exit Signs
  24 hours

This week

- ☐ **SAF-001** Valid Civil Defense Salamah Certificate
  72 hours
- ☐ **SAF-003** Fire Protection Maintenance Contract & Records
  7 days
- ☐ **SAF-009** Designated Safety Officer
  7 days

This month

- ☐ **SAF-006** Evacuation Plan & Fire Drills
  30 days

?/9 Count your passes. **Every fail is up to SAR 30,000 and 6 months in prison today**, and a risk to the Salamah certificate your licence depends on.

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AUDIT SIGN-OFF

DEALERSHIP / SITE _____ AUDITOR _____ DATE _____ SCORE __ / 9

SITE MANAGER SIGNATURE _____ SAFETY OFFICER SIGNATURE _____