

Cabinets protect fire extinguishers from misuse

Eastbury Comprehensive School in Barking has become the first school in the UK to install a new type of tamper evident storage cabinet for fire extinguishers as a means of reducing incidents of inappropriate use.

The SOS101 cabinet, manufactured by Somerset based fire safety cabinet specialists Jo Bird & Co Ltd, has been specially designed to store emergency fire fighting equipment in public places. Its clear door and integral security seal affords easy visual inspection and the single quick release door catch ensures rapid access to a unit designed to accommodate a variety of extinguisher shapes and sizes.

For added security the cabinets can also be equipped with two types of battery powered mini alarms giving instant warning of unauthorised access.

Ecovert FM, one of the UK's major facilities management companies responsi-



ble for the maintenance of a number of schools around the UK, decided to acquire five of the new cabinets on a trial basis at the school. Since their installation there have been no further misuse incidents and plans are afoot to purchase more for installation at known high risk locations around the school.

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