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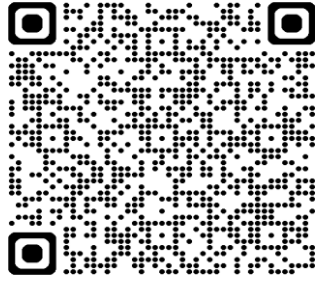
## **Advice to Hospitality venues – World Cup 2026**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As part of our commitments as the regulating authority of the Fire Safety Order (2005), Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) wanted to provide you with information and recommendations that should be followed for any venues that intend to hold events during the World Cup. The attached guidance is designed to highlight the key consideration points we have identified, to allow you the opportunity to assess if fire safety risks exist within your premises, and to support you in identifying ways to reduce these risks.

As part of this Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) is also contacting you in light of the tragic nightclub fire in Crans-Montana, Switzerland on 1 January 2026. Early reports indicate that pyrotechnic effects ignited combustible materials, causing rapid fire spread. To prevent a similar tragedy in Manchester, we are issuing the following advice for all hospitality venues, particularly those using pyrotechnics, sparklers, ice fountains or flame effects.

Supporting information can be found at [Supporting Businesses to Comply with the Law - Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service](#), which includes an online version of the guidance, a supporting short video, and survey. The QR code below takes you to the GMFRS webpage where you will also be able to sign up to our mailing list for future updates.



We appreciate your support in ensuring the public of Greater Manchester are safe and wish you every success in your planned events.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Watson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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