

## Case Study

**SECOM PHYSICAL FIRE STOPPING SERVICES AT A PRIVATE MEMBERS' CLUB, LONDON****THE BACKGROUND**

A prestigious private members' club in London, is renowned for its deep connections to the British theatrical community and its rich historical significance. This exclusive club has long been a haven for actors, legal professionals, parliamentarians, and members of the arts. Housed in a historic building, the club also contains an extraordinary collection of over 1,000 artworks, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, and prints, all of which represent a significant part of British theatre history and the cultural heritage of the institution.

Given the importance of both the building and its valuable contents, maintaining the highest standards of safety, particularly fire safety, is essential.

**THE CHALLENGE**

The club's historic structure presents unique challenges when it comes to meeting modern fire safety regulations. With the building only closing for maintenance for three weeks each year, any necessary safety upgrades must be completed within this narrow window. This requires precise planning, coordination, and execution to ensure compliance with fire regulations without disrupting the club's operations.

SECOM's Fire Stopping team was engaged to bring the facility up to the latest fire safety standards. The scope of the work included sealing holes with fire stopping sealants, installing fire stopping walls and ceiling boards, and applying fire-resistant materials throughout the building to enhance compartmentalisation.

**AT A GLANCE****COMPANY**

Members Club

**INDUSTRY**

Private Members Club

**SOLUTION**

Fire-Stopping

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**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Satoru Awano

# SECOM'S SOLUTION

SECOM's Fire Stopping team won the project due to their superior expertise and qualifications. As a FIRAS-accredited company, SECOM is recognised for its excellence in fire safety, and this project was no exception.

During the limited three-week maintenance period, SECOM's team performed the following critical tasks:

- **Installation of Fire Stopping Walls:** SECOM installed new fire stopping walls equipped with access points such as latches and fire doors. Previously, exposed cables and pipes posed a significant fire risk. The newly installed walls are designed to contain fire for up to 120 minutes, far exceeding the time required for fire brigade intervention. This solution not only protects the structure but also reduces the risk posed by exposed electrics, ensuring a safer environment for both members and the facility itself.
- **Ceiling Boards and Sealants:** SECOM applied fire-resistant sealants and installed ceiling boards in key areas, including IT storage spaces. Previously, exposed wires in these areas posed an immediate risk of fire damage. The new fire-resistant panels provide an additional 30 minutes of protection, allowing crucial time for the fire brigade to arrive and preventing significant damage to the IT infrastructure.
- **Filling Gaps and Holes:** SECOM meticulously filled all gaps and holes within riser cupboards to prevent the spread of fire between different floors. By installing fire-stopping barriers and applying fire-resistant sealants, the team created a robust containment system designed to halt the spread of fire through vertical spaces. This work significantly reduces the risk of a fire spreading to other parts of the building, thereby safeguarding both the structure and its occupants.

The SECOM team's precision and attention to detail were evident throughout the project, ensuring both the historical integrity and the safety of the building were preserved.

## BEFORE



## AFTER



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# OUTCOME

As a result of SECOM's work, the private members' club now meets the latest fire safety standards, ensuring the protection of its members and the priceless art collection housed within its walls. SECOM's efforts to secure the building against fire risks have played a crucial role in preserving the club's rich heritage and allowing it to continue operating as a vital hub for London's cultural and professional elite.

# CONCLUSION

SECOM's leadership team, including Managing Director Satoru Awano, Finance Director Neil Fanthome Hodgson, Head of Physical Division Calvin Avery, and Head of Marketing Lauren Michael, visited the club to observe the work carried out by the Fire Stopping team. The team was highly impressed by both the historical significance of the facility and the exceptional quality of the fire stopping work being performed. This sentiment was echoed by the club's internal Head of Engineering.

Neil Fanthome Hodgson remarked, "The quality of work done by Calvin's team is plain to see and befitting of such a fine building. This epitomizes SECOM's core value of bringing peace of mind to our customers. Well done to the team for this excellent work."

Managing Director Satoru Awano added, "Calvin and his team have worked meticulously, without compromise, addressing any risks to bring maximum safety to the property. Their work is sure to earn the customer's trust and reminds us of SECOM's unchanging principle: providing our customers with peace of mind."

SECOM's success in upgrading the fire safety of this private members' club is a testament to their expertise and commitment to quality. In a setting where history and heritage are as important as safety, SECOM has proven to be a reliable partner in maintaining the integrity of one of London's most treasured institutions.

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