

UK Factory Fire Map

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A report-style map page for explaining manufacturing fire exposure across major UK manufacturing centres and the insurance consequences of fire-related downtime.

Headline findings

- Factory fire is a multi-line insurance event: buildings, machinery, stock, work in progress, gross profit and customer recovery can all be affected.
- Regional manufacturing centres with engineering, food, chemicals, warehousing or advanced manufacturing clusters need localised fire and interruption commentary.
- The most useful PR angle is not only how many fires occur, but how a single fire can interrupt contracts, payroll and local supply chains.

Factory Fire Exposure Map

A PR-ready regional view of manufacturing centres where fire can trigger property, machinery, stock and business interruption losses.

- Glasgow: Heavy plant. Engineering, shipbuilding supply and food/drink exposure.
- Newcastle: Industrial supply. Fabrication, offshore supply and engineering recovery periods.
- Manchester: Combustible stock. Food, chemical, textile and engineering concentrations.
- Sheffield: Hot works. Steel, fabrication and precision engineering fire risk.
- Birmingham: Contract downtime. Automotive, engineering and metal manufacturing dependency.
- Bristol: Certification delays. Aerospace, electronics and advanced engineering exposures.

Manufacturing Fire Map Priority Areas

Area | Manufacturing profile | Fire and interruption angle

- Birmingham | Automotive, engineering and metal manufacturing | Hot works, high-value plant and customer contract downtime
- Manchester | Food, chemical, textile and engineering businesses | Combustible stock, process controls and warehouse exposure
- Sheffield | Steel, fabrication and precision engineering | Hot works, lifting, extraction and specialist machinery lead times
- Bristol | Aerospace, electronics and advanced engineering | Certification delays, specialist parts and requalification periods
- Glasgow | Engineering, shipbuilding supply and food/drink | Heavy plant, stock concentration and supply-chain recovery

Methodology

This asset uses Home Office fire statistics, manufacturing concentration by city and insurance loss-scenario analysis. It should be updated when newer Home Office incident tables are released.

Related cover and report links

- Manufacturing Claims Report: <https://www.insure24.co.uk/business-insurance/manufacturing/claims-report/>
- Manufacturing Risk Index: <https://www.insure24.co.uk/business-insurance/manufacturing/risk-index/>
- Business Interruption Guide: <https://www.insure24.co.uk/business-insurance/manufacturing/business-interruption/>

Sources used

- Home Office fire and rescue incident statistics, year ending December 2024:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/fire-and-rescue-incident-statistics-year-ending-december-2024/fire-and-rescue-incident-statistics-year-ending-december-2024>
- Home Office fire statistics data tables: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fire-statistics-data-tables>