## Regulation 421.1.201 - Protection against thermal effects - Consumer Units

The London Fire Brigade has been influential in key edits to Amendment 3 requirements that will directly improve personal safety and quell the risk of residential fires.

This was as a result of arcing on cables where tightening of terminals had not been sufficient, resulting in overheating of the terminals which eventually ignited the plastic enclosures.

Consequentially, Amendment 3 introduces a new regulation (421.1.201) relating to the enhancement of Fire Safety.

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**NEW:** Top Hinged Door

Prevents door being left

open after use leading to a possible fire risk



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ensures full compliance with 17th

Edition Amendment 3

## **17TH EDITION**

## Regulation 421.1.201 states that:

Within domestic (household) premises, consumer units and similar switchgear assemblies shall comply with BS EN 61439 3 and shall have their enclosure manufactured from a non-combustible material, or enclosed in a cabinet or enclosure constructed of non-combustible material and complying with **regulation 132.12**.

## Regulation 421.1.201 will not be mandatory until 1st January 2016.

In line with this new Regulation, MK has introduced a new portfolio of metal consumer units into their MK Sentry range which are manufactured from corrosion resistant Zintec Steel and have designed features to provide full compliance to Amendment 3 **regulation 421.1.201**, as detailed here.



Fixing holes

Tripod fixing to cope with uneven surfaces