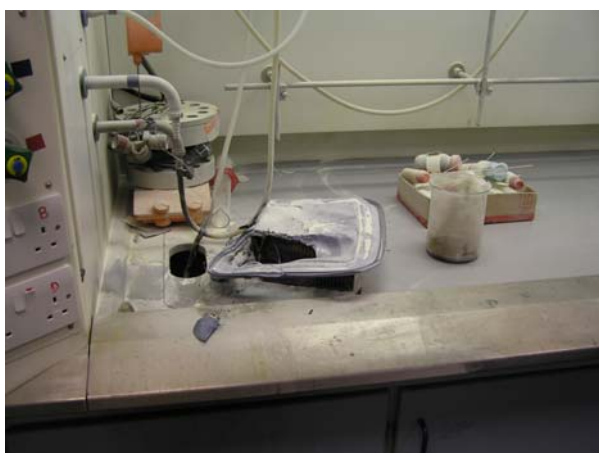


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Southampton University

Suffers two fires in a month

In both instances hot plates have overheated causing a solvent fire but fortunately both laboratory fume cabinets were protected by Firetrace automatic fire protection systems. On one occasion a laboratory assistant witnessed the incident, but reported that when he returned seconds later with a hand extinguisher the fire was already out.



Laboratory Manager Dr. Kinnison said ‘Thanks to the quick reaction of our Firetrace systems, damage was limited to a few components and a bit of a spring clean. Had the fire spread into our extract ducting, we could have lost the entire laboratory’