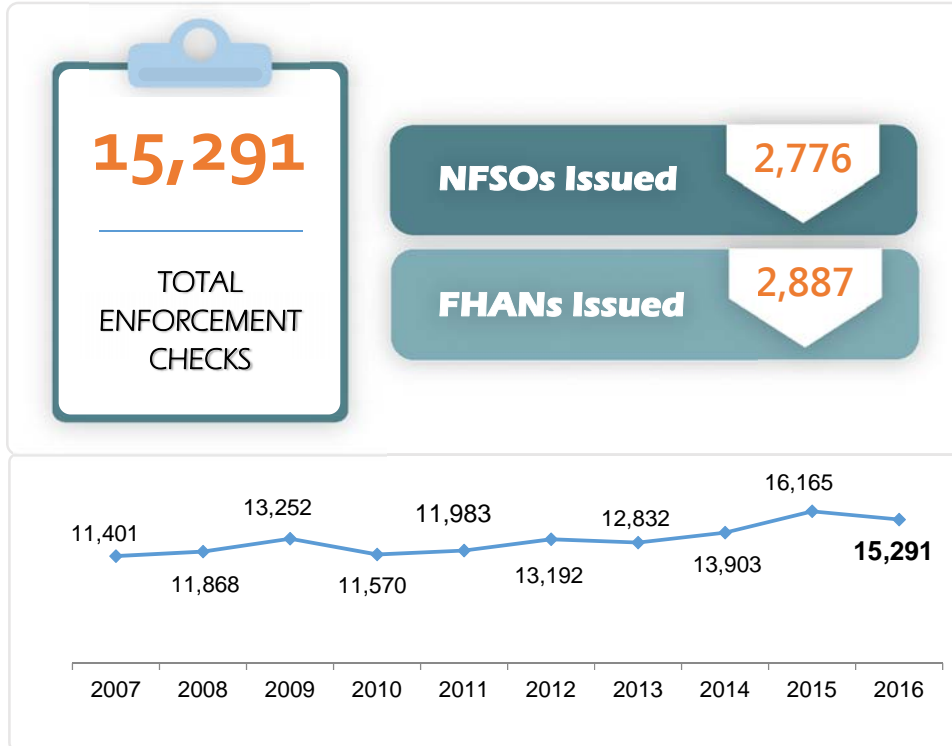


**OVERVIEW**



SCDF conducted 15,291 enforcement checks in 2016.

2. As a result of these checks, SCDF issued 2,776 Notices of Fire Safety Offences (NFSOs<sup>1</sup>) and 2,887 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs<sup>2</sup>). The regular conduct of enforcement checks and stringent fire safety measures has increased the awareness of the importance of fire safety.

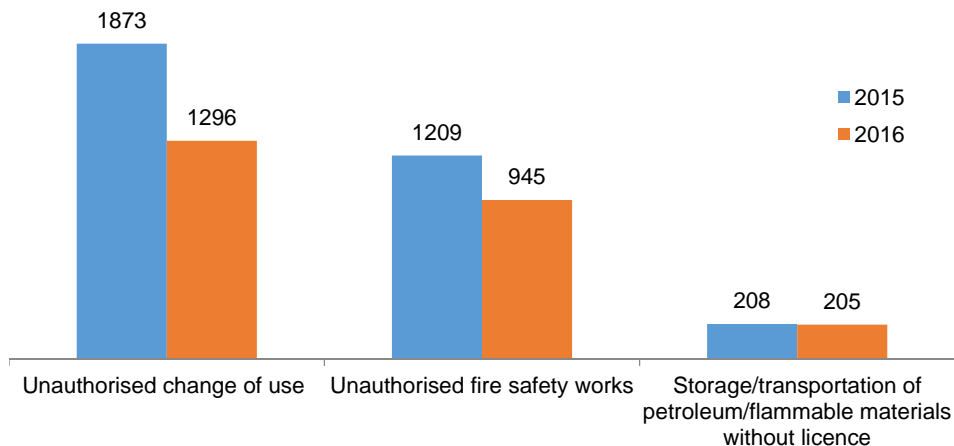
**Notice of Fire Safety Offence (NFSO)**

3. 2,776 NFSOs were issued in 2016. This was a decrease of 25.9% of NFSOs issued in 2015. The most common fire safety violation was the unauthorised change of use of premises, which accounted for 46.7% of the total NFSOs issued in 2016. The top three types of NFSOs issued are in Chart 6.

<sup>1</sup> An NFSO is issued when the contravention is of a serious nature which warrants a heavier penalty, e.g. unauthorised fire safety works. It carries a composition fine of up to \$5,000.

<sup>2</sup> Under the Fire Safety Act, the FHAN is a warning given to building owners and management to remove fire hazards. The most common fire hazards are poor maintenance of hose reels and fire extinguishers as well as obstructed exits.

Chart 6: Top three types of NFSOs issued



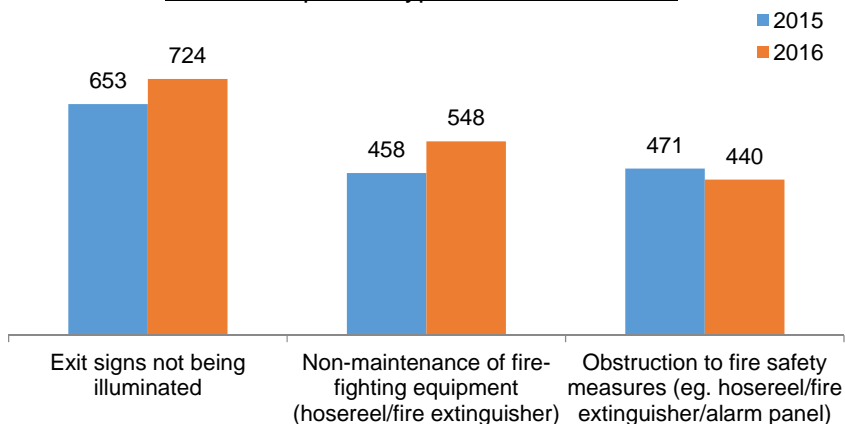
4. 90 cases of fire safety violations were brought to court in 2016. The top two offences were unauthorised change of use (51.1%) and unauthorised fire safety works (33.3%).

5. SCDF views fire safety infringements seriously and will not hesitate to take firm action against those who do not make prompt rectifications to the violations despite warnings and fines. SCDF's enforcement powers against fire safety offenders are at [Annex A](#).

**Fire Hazard Abatement Notice (FHAN)**

6. SCDF issued 2,887 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) in 2016. This was a decrease of 8.3% notices from 2015. The most common fire hazard in 2016 was related to exit signs not being illuminated, which contributed to 25.1% of the total FHANs. The top three types of FHANs issued are in Chart 7.

Chart 7: Top three types of FHANs issued



**Fire Safety Feedback**

7. Members of the public are encouraged to report fire hazards. The public can do so by submitting photographs and a brief description of the fire hazard using the *mySCDF* mobile application, by calling the fire hazard reporting line at 1800-280-0000 or by sending an email to [SCDF\\_Fire\\_Safety\\_Feedback@scdf.gov.sg](mailto:SCDF_Fire_Safety_Feedback@scdf.gov.sg).

### SCDF's Enforcement Powers against Fire Safety Offenders

Enforcement Action	Description
Fire Hazard Abatement Notice (FHAN)	Under the Fire Safety Act, the FHAN is a warning given to building owners and management to remove fire hazards. One of the most common fire hazards are obstructed exits.
Notice of Composition (NOC)	Offenders who fail to rectify the violations after being issued with FHANs will be served with an NOC of up to \$5,000.
Notice of Fire Safety Offence (NFSO)	An NFSO is issued when the contravention is of a serious nature which warrants a heavier penalty, e.g. unauthorised works that may pose fire safety risks. It carries a composition fine of up to \$5,000.
Court Action	<p>Court action will be taken for serious cases. For general fire safety violations, the maximum penalty can be up to \$10,000 and/or jail term not exceeding 6 months.</p> <p>For carrying out unauthorised fire safety works, the person responsible (e.g. owner, building management, MCST<sup>3</sup>) can be fined up to \$200,000 and/or jailed for a term not exceeding 24 months.</p> <p>In extreme cases, SCDF can exercise its powers to require a temporary closure of the premises.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Management Corporation Strata Title (MCST) refers to the managing body of a condominium or any compound which has multiple owners and shared public facilities.