CLAIMS

1. A method of providing a service penetration through an internal building wall comprising the steps:

- providing an internal building wall wherein at least a part of the wall comprises two boards and a fire-stopping material disposed between the boards, herein the fire-stopping material comprises a resilient, porous material impregnated with an intumescent agent;
- cutting away the boards in the location of the service penetration thereby exposing the fire-stopping material;
- slitting the exposed fire-stopping material;
- pushing a service element through the fire-stopping material to cross from one side of the wall to the other;
- applying a mastic or other filler to fill back to the board edges.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the resilient, porous material comprises an open-cell foam or a non-woven material, preferably wherein the resilient, porous material comprises a polyurethane (PU) open-cell foam.

3. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the resilient, porous material is a reticulated foam material, preferably a reticulated PU soft foam.

4. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the resilient, porous material has 10-100 pores per lineal inch (ppi), preferably 20-80 ppi.

5. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the resilient, porous material comprises a foam, wherein the foam has a cell size between 2000 µm and 7000 µm, preferably between 3000 µm and 6000 µm and particularly preferably between 3400 µm and 5600 µm.

6. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the weight ratio of the resilient, porous material to the intumescent agent is from 1:0.2 to 1:6, preferably from 1:1 to 1:3.

7. A panel for an internal building wall comprising two parallel boards defining a gap, wherein the gap is filled by insulation comprising a fire-stopping material, wherein the fire-stopping material comprises a resilient, porous material at least partially impregnated with an intumescent 5 agent and wherein a service element is provided through the panel.

8. A panel according to claim 7, wherein the fire-stopping material is in the form of a strip with an elongate support.

9. A panel according to claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the insulation consists of the fire-stopping material.

10. A panel according to any one of claims 7-9, wherein the resilient, porous material comprises a foam, a non-woven fabric and/or a fibrous body and is provided with an impregnating agent comprising the intumescent agent.

11. A panel according to claim 10, wherein the impregnating agent comprises at least one liquid medium and a binder for binding solid components of the impregnating agent to the foam material and wherein the intumescent agent comprises expandable graphite.

12. A panel according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the impregnating agent has a proportion of water of between 40 and 60 parts per hundred parts, and/or a proportion of binder of between 25 and 35 parts and/or a proportion of expandable graphite of between 15 and 25 parts.

13. A panel according to claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the binder is an acrylic binder.

14. A panel according to any one of claims 10 to 13, wherein the impregnating agent comprises a phosphorus-containing compound, preferably wherein the phosphorous-containing compound is a phosphate, more preferably a polyphosphate, more preferably wherein the phosphorus-containing compound is ammonium polyphosphate.

15. A panel according to any one of claims 7 to 14, wherein at least one major face of the fire-stopping material comprises a smoke-impermeable coating.

16. An internal building wall comprising two parallel boards defining a gap, wherein a fire-stopping material fills the gap, and wherein the fire-stopping material comprises a resilient, porous material impregnated with an intumescent agent, and wherein a service element is provided through the wall.