

# Fire Policy

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The Company aims to protect ALL persons including staff, members, volunteers, visitors, contractors and the public from potential injury and damage to their health that might arise from an outbreak of fire.

The Company will provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all members and volunteers, and to provide such information, training and supervision as they need for this purpose.

The Company maintains a high level of commitment to health and safety and will comply with all statutory requirements thus:

Emphasise the need for preventing fires and reducing risk.

Take responsibility for ensuring the safety of everyone who uses our premises and in the immediate vicinity.

The company will ensure that:

All fire exits and associated paths are kept clear and unobstructed.

Public notices are in place and that suitable fire fighting equipment is available and unobstructed.

A published fire drill is maintained and tested at least once a term for each Monday, Tuesday and Friday group. This must be referred to as an **EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL**. Fire alarms must **NOT** be sounded.

Fire wardens and assistant wardens are briefed regularly to ensure they are current on procedures.

## Specific Evacuation Problems

The company has staff and students with varying disabilities that could cause problems during evacuation:

Sudden and/or loud noise can cause unpredictable actions.

Wheelchairs can cause major bottlenecks, especially in a panic situation.

Mobility difficulties may make evacuation difficult.

Assistance dogs and their leads are a trip hazard and the dogs may react in an unexpected manner.

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END OF POLICY

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