

Imperial College London

FIRE SERVICES
ROOM 174, SHERFIELD BUILDING

Code of Practice

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Corridors and escape routes

All College premises are subject to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

With regard to emergency routes section 14.-1 states;

Where necessary in order to safeguard the safety of relevant persons, the responsible person must ensure that routes to emergency exits from premises and the exits themselves are kept clear at all times

To ensure compliance with these Regulations, it is the policy of the Fire Office that corridors are kept clear at all times, that there is a clear unobstructed route to a means of escape and that all fire exits are kept clear at all times.

The Fire Office will not grant permission to allow storage, equipment or furniture in stairways, corridors or lobbies.

Examples of items prohibited in escape routes are listed below;

- portable heaters of any type;
- heaters which have unprotected naked flames or radiant bars;
- fixed heaters using a gas supply cylinder where the cylinder is within the escape route;
- oil-fuelled heaters or boilers;
- cooking appliances;
- upholstered furniture;
- coat racks;
- temporary stored items including items in transit, e.g. furniture, beds, laundry, waste bins etc;
- lighting using naked flames;
- gas boilers, pipes, meters or other fittings(except those permitted in the standards supporting the building regulations and installed in accordance with the 'Gas Safety Regulations');
- gaming and/or vending machines; and
- electrical equipment (other than normal lighting, emergency escape lighting, fire alarm systems, or equipment associated with a security system), e.g. photocopiers.

Chief Fire Officer