#### **Purpose**

The purpose of a Generic Emergency Evacuation Plan (GEEP) is to enable visitors to the building with restricted mobility or those who may not be able to evacuate unaided to become familiar with the layout, evacuation procedures, available equipment, and communication devices. If you feel that this document does not provide you with sufficient information or that you require further assistance, please contact the University Fire Safety Team on 01509 222182.

#### The Building

The building is comprised of 2 floors. The floor is accessible via the stairs, or lift.

Emergency egress using the lift is not possible during an evacuation.

Safe refuge areas are available in the stair cores on the first floor and are provided with an Emergency Voice communication System (EVCS) which links directly to the security (see attached floor plan).

Several accessible fire exits are available at ground level.

#### **Action Required on Hearing the Fire Alarm**

If able, you should leave the building immediately by the nearest fire exit (see attached floor plan) and report to the assigned assembly point for the building.

If you are unable to evacuate the building unaided, please proceed to one of the safe refuges located in the stair core (see attached floor plan).

#### **Recommendations and Equipment Provided**

All visitors to this building should familiarise themselves with the layout of the building and with the fire alarm signals. Security's emergency contact number is **888** (internal lines) or **0800526966**.

#### **Equipment Provided**

- Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm System, including signalling to the security gatehouse with 24/7 monitoring and response
  Beacons these may not be throughout but in specific locations, please check if you require these
- Emergency lighting and wayfinding signage
- Fire extinguishers for trained staff
- Power Assisted doors
- Refuge areas
- Emergency Voice Communication System (EVCS) linked with 24/7 security
- Evacuation chair response from security when notified



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Fire Action Notices can be found in all buildings within the university, adjacent to manual call points.

They stipulate the action to take if a fire is discovered, or in the event of the fire alarm sounding in the building.

Please familiarise yourself with the instructions stated in the notice and comply in the event of a fire or fire alarm.

In the event of fire, call security on internal emergency number **888** or **0800526966** if using outside line or mobile phone. In the event of a delay, call 999 for the Fire Service.

# Fire door Keep shut

**Fire Doors** 

Fire doors are designed to resist the spread of fire for a period of time, normally a minimum of 30 minutes. This allows time for people to leave the building via an escape route if other routes are compromised in the event of a fire.

Please ensure that you do not prevent any door with this label from shutting and if you find a door that does not shut then please report to Estates and Facilities Management.



The fire alarm systems in most of our buildings rely on smoke and heat detectors in much the same way as any system you might have at home.

Our buildings are more complex than domestic premises and therefore include the additional measure of Manual Call Points (MCP) which will actuate the fire alarm system in the building <u>AND</u> alert security.

If you see fire, ensure your own safety first and if possible, actuate an MCP by pushing the plastic window. Loughborough

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#### **Fire Extinguishers**



Fire Extinguishers can be found in most buildings and are provided only for trained staff to use.

Please report any missing or damaged extinguishers to the appropriate building contact, or in their absence to Estates and Facilities Management.

# Green Break Glass

To maintain security and safety on site, many doors are secured with magnetic locks (or similar) that only release when the correct key card is used or when the fire alarm activates.

Should you come to a fire escape route door that appears to be locked (or has not released correctly) there will be a green break glass unit nearby which will release the door.

Push the plastic window in to operate the lock override.



Refuge Points are provided where fire exits cannot be accessed by a disabled person. They are situated in zones where there is sufficient space for a wheelchair user without blocking the route for others. In the refuge area you will usually find an Emergency Voice Communication Systems (EVCS) with instructions for its use. These communicate with the main security gatehouse so users can ask for assistance, including their attendance with an evacuation wheelchair or if applicable, to operate the evacuation lift.

The EVCS are addressable; the location is displayed to security upon activation, should voice communication be challenging.

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#### Evacuation Lifts & Chairs



Evacuation lifts are installed in some buildings and are designed to assist those less ambulant, or those in need of level access, in the event of an emergency.

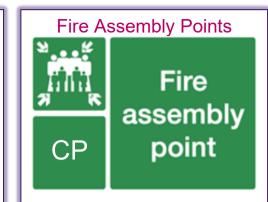
Upon activation of the building fire alarm or a manual switch, the lifts travel to the main exit floor and shut down to prevent their use. Trained staff (including security) can take control of the lift and return the car to the floor where a person requires assistance for their evacuation.

Security staff are also trained in the use of evacuation chairs, located at the main gatehouse, and transported when required. Emergency Lighting and Wayfinding Signage



Emergency Lighting and wayfinding signage is provided in buildings to enable occupants to escape safely in an emergency.

They are designed and located to ensure points of emphasis are luminated, including but not limited to escape routes, staircases, changes of level, change of direction, outside and near each final exit, exit doors and refuge areas.



All buildings have a designated fire assembly point. These can be found on the fire action notices within the building and are provided as part of the information within this GEEP.

Upon leaving the building, please make your way to the designated fire assembly point so that fire marshals and security colleagues can relay information to occupants quickly and effectively. Loughborough University

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