



South Gloucestershire and Stroud College

Fire Evacuation Procedure – Stroud Campus

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Main aim and purpose of the policy:	Fire Evacuation Procedure for the Stroud Campus				
Is this policy (or its constituent parts) relevant to a general equality duty? (please tick)	This policy development will assist in the elimination of unlawful discrimination and/or harassment of identified groups?	Implementation of this policy will promote equal opportunities for identified groups?	Implementation of this policy will promote positive attitudes and participation between groups?	Implementation of this policy will promote good relations between groups?	
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I am satisfied that an initial screening has been carried out on this policy/procedure and a full Impact Assessment is not required					
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Fire Evacuation Procedure – Stroud Campus

1. Introduction

- 1.1. As an employer, South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) is responsible for ensuring that there are arrangements in place so that staff, learners, visitors and contractors know what actions to take in the event of a fire and / or upon hearing the fire alarms.
- 1.2. To this end the College must ensure that appropriate pre-planned procedures are in place. This procedure has thus been prepared in accordance with the requirements of health, safety and fire legislation and the College's Health and Safety Policy.
- 1.3. Refuge Points are designated areas, which are separated by fire-resisting construction, identified at the College in conjunction with the Local Fire Authority. A refuge provides a temporary safe space for disabled people to be located in order to wait for others to help them evacuate or to rest before continuing to evacuate.

2. Statement

- 2.1. This procedure must be followed in the event of a fire and / or upon hearing the fire alarm.
- 2.2. The procedure describes the fire evacuation arrangements at the College, the roles of key personnel in the event of an evacuation and specific arrangements for those with a disability that affects their ability to evacuate unaided.
- 2.3. It should be noted that this procedure is applicable to the Stroud Campus only.
- 2.4. The Filton Avenue sites (including 'A' Block and 'AE' Blocks), Bristol School of Art and WISE Campus have their own standalone procedures.
- 2.5. For smaller College locations, i.e. Bristol School of Art, IT Outreach Centres etc., fire procedures have been developed to take into consideration local arrangements.
- 2.6. Where staff and learners are situated at these premises, the responsible managers at these locations will inform them of the Fire Procedures as part of their induction process.

3. Responsibilities

3.1. Definitions

- 3.1.1. **Key Personnel** – Nominated College staff identified to undertake specific roles under the College's Fire Procedures.

- 3.1.2. **Duty Manager** – Person responsible for co-ordinating the fire evacuation.
- 3.1.3. **Fire Wardens/Marshals** – College staff responsible for conducting sweeps within a set Departmental area in order to ensure all persons have evacuated the area.
- 3.1.4. **Refuge Point** – These are designated areas, which are separated by fire-resisting construction identified at the College in conjunction with the Local Fire Authority. A refuge provides a temporary safe space for disabled people to be located in order to wait for others to help them evacuate.

3.2. **Key Personnel**

3.2.1. There are a number of key personnel that have been nominated to undertake specific roles in the event of a fire evacuation at the College. These key personnel are:

- Duty Manager
- Maintenance Staff
- Facilities Assistants
- Customer Experience Staff
- Fire Marshals\Wardens

3.2.2. The roles of these key personnel are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

3.3. **Duty Manager**

3.3.1. Is responsible for co-ordinating the fire evacuation. Role and responsibilities of the Duty Manager are described in **Appendix 1**.

3.4. **Managers:**

3.4.1. All line managers must ensure that staff, learners, visitors and contractors, where applicable, are informed of the Fire Procedures. This must include new or temporary staff, irrespective of the duration of contract with the College.

3.4.2. Once safely outside, all managers not directly responsible for the supervision of learners, must assist the Duty Manager to evacuate persons to the fire assembly area.

3.4.3. Must advise the Health and Safety Advisor of the names and contact details of all departmental Fire Marshals\Wardens on appointment in order to facilitate appropriate training and to ensure the Fire Marshals' list remains up to date.

3.5. Health and Safety Advisor:

- 3.5.1. In conjunction with the site Estates Manager and Health and Safety Committee, is responsible for ensuring this procedure is adequately communicated and understood by all staff.
- 3.5.2. In conjunction with the site Director of Estates (North) and Health and Safety Committee, is responsible for reviewing the procedure annually to ensure it remains fit for purpose.
- 3.5.3. In conjunction with the site Facilities Co-ordinator, is responsible for ensuring a list of Fire Marshals\Wardens is available, that the list remains current and that all Fire Marshals\Wardens have received appropriate training.

3.6. All Staff

- 3.6.1. All staff must ensure that they are familiar with the fire evacuation procedures.
- 3.6.2. Where staff are responsible for learners they must ensure that learners are informed of the College's Fire Procedures, not only when they first arrive at the College, but at regular (termly) intervals during their course.
- 3.6.3. In the event of an emergency, visitors to the College should be guided from the building and taken to the assembly area by the staff acting as their host.
- 3.6.4. All staff have a duty to take reasonable care for their own safety and that of other people who may be affected by their activities. This includes ensuring all potential fuel sources remain separated from sources of heat and that flammable materials are returned to suitable storage after use.

4. Related Policies, Procedures, etc.

- 4.1. SGS College Health and Safety Policy
- 4.2. HM Government's Fire Safety Guide for Educational Premises
- 4.3. HM Government's Supplementary Fire Guide 'Means of Escape for Disabled People'
- 4.4. SGS Fire Policy Statement

5. Procedure

5.1. Action on Discovering a Fire:

- 5.1.1. Sound the alarm by activating the nearest call point.

- 5.1.2. Where safe to do so, telephone the College's Emergency Number to report the activation: Dial 0
- 5.1.3. Leave the building by the nearest safe exit, closing doors, windows and switching off machines / equipment, where safe to do so.
- 5.1.4. Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
- 5.1.5. Lifts will automatically go to the ground floor during an evacuation and cannot be used.
- 5.1.6. If there are people with impaired mobility or disability who are unable to use the stairs unaided, they will have received a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) to facilitate their escape. In the unlikely event that they have not received such a plan, they must be escorted to a designated refuge point.
- 5.1.7. Refuge points are located close to the main staircases. The refuge points are clearly identified with a green and white sign and are uniquely numbered.
- 5.1.8. Where people have been escorted to a refuge point, their location and the refuge point number must be reported to the Duty Manager by a responsible member of staff.
- 5.1.9. It is preferable that a member of staff stay with persons escorted to refuge points in order to reassure them – this is on a purely voluntary basis.
- 5.1.10. The Duty Manager will be located in front of the building wearing a yellow high visibility jacket.
- 5.1.11. The Duty Manager will subsequently ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to facilitate the person's evacuation if the need arises.
- 5.1.12. Report to the designated Assembly Point.
- 5.1.13. DO NOT RE-ENTER BUILDINGS UNTIL INSTRUCTED THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO BY THE DUTY MANAGER.

5.2. Action on Hearing the Fire Alarm:

- 5.2.1. Upon hearing a continuous alarm, leave the building by the nearest safe exit closing doors, windows and switching off machines / equipment, where safe to do so.
- 5.2.2. Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
- 5.2.3. If there are people with impaired mobility or disability, who are unable to evacuate unaided, they will have received either a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) to facilitate their escape. In the

unlikely event that they have not received such a plan, they must be escorted to a designated refuge point

- 5.2.4. Where people have been escorted to a refuge point, their location and the refuge point number must be reported to the Duty Manager by a responsible person. It is preferable that a responsible member of staff stay with persons escorted to refuge points in order to reassure them – this is on a purely voluntary basis.
- 5.2.5. Do not use the lifts unless you have been issued with a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) specifically authorising you to do so.
- 5.2.6. The Duty Manager will be located in front of the building wearing a yellow high visibility jacket.
- 5.2.7. The Duty Manager will subsequently ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to facilitate the person's escape.
- 5.2.8. Report to the designated Assembly Point.
- 5.2.9. DO NOT RE-ENTER BUILDINGS UNTIL INSTRUCTED THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO BY THE DUTY MANAGER.

5.3. **Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs)**

- 5.3.1. PEEPs are prepared to ensure the health and safety of staff and learners with a disability in the event of an emergency evacuation, e.g. fire.
- 5.3.2. The aim of a PEEP is to provide people (staff and learners) who cannot get themselves out of a building unaided in the event of an emergency, the necessary information and arrangements to facilitate their evacuation.
- 5.3.3. The plan is as the title suggests, 'personal' and it is pertinent to the learner, visitor or member of staff for whom it has been prepared. It outlines the actions to be taken by the individual and appropriately identified College staff, should an evacuation take place.
- 5.3.4. The requirement for a PEEP is initiated by the Human Resources Department, if it relates to staff and by the Learning Support Department, if it relates to learners. The PEEP is subsequently prepared in conjunction with these areas, the person for whom the PEEP relates and the College's Equality & Diversity Advisor. The PEEP pro-forma is detailed in **Appendix 2**.
- 5.3.5. Casual visitors who cannot evacuate unaided and for whom circumstances prevent a personal plan being developed in advance, will be taken to a refuge area to await assistance to evacuate.

- 5.3.6. To ensure the effectiveness of PEEPs, all appropriate staff, including, where practical, the person for whom the PEEP has been prepared, will receive all appropriate instructions, practical demonstrations and training appropriate to their actions / responsibilities.

Key Personnel

Duty Manager

Fire Evacuations will be co-ordinated by the Duty Manager.

Duty Manager Actions:

- To proceed to reception area to collect loudhailer and high visibility jacket from Reception Staff;
- To stand outside of the building in front of the main entrance, ensuring that radio can be clearly heard;
- To collate information regarding the people waiting in refuges and co-ordinate Facility Assistants in the evacuation of refuges. Refuges will be prioritised depending on the location of the fire;
- To keep key fire personnel informed of information being relayed about the evacuation and significantly about people located in refuge points;
- To keep alert to information from staff investigating the alarm activation radio, of alarm status and in particular if Fire Brigade to be called;
- **To ensure that the 999 call is made;**
- To co-ordinate with the Fire Brigade, where applicable;
- Issue the instruction for people to return to the building when it has been confirmed it is safe to do so.
- To ensure the exec lead for the Stroud Campus is informed of the fire activation as soon as is practical after dealing with the emergency (see SharePoint Homepage for contact details).
- Should the Duty Manager need to leave site during their duty, they must inform Reception and the lead exec for Stroud who has taken over the Duty Manager's role / radio during their absence.

Fire Marshals

Actions on alarm activation:

- On alarm activation, checks / 'sweeps' the associated area / floor / block, ensuring that all occupants have evacuated.
- Once their 'sweep' is complete, evacuate using the nearest fire exit.

- To inform the Duty Manager of any issues that they may have identified during their check / 'sweep'.
- When the all clear is confirmed, Fire Marshals\Wardens must ensure people in Refuge Areas are informed of the all clear.

Facilities Assistants

- Will be made aware of a fire alarm / evacuation by radio.
- Will be informed by Reception Staff as to the location of the alarm.
- Facilities Assistant to proceed to the area to investigate the status of the alarm, if safe to do so – keeping in radio contact with the Duty Manager at all times. Once established, to report immediately as to the fire situation.
- To notify the Duty Manager to call the emergency services using the 999 system as appropriate.
- To make necessary repairs, where applicable, in false alarm situations, informing the Duty Manager when it is possible to issue the 'safe to return to building instruction' or that the Fire Brigade is required.
- In the event of a fire, will evacuate the building and report to the Duty Manager at Reception in preparation to assist with the evacuation of persons with a disability from refuge areas should the need arise.

Reception

- Will be made aware of a fire alarm / evacuation due to proximity to alarm panel;
- To ensure that Facilities Assistants are informed of fire alarm activation via radio;
- Will put the telephone system on night service;
- To ensure that the equipment required by the Duty Manager / Fire Marshal\Wardens is readily accessible (visitors book, file containing off-site visits);
- Open Fire Cabinet by fire panel (key in cupboard), remove checklist and assist the Duty Manager by checking off checklist of cleared areas, adding number of people in refuge points;
- To answer calls from intercoms that are made from refuges – noting the locations of persons who require assistance and passing this information to the Duty Manager, who will then facilitate their evacuation in conjunction with

Facilities Assistants. Fire Marshals/Wardens will also confirm this information to the Duty Manager if there are people in the refuge areas;

- To ensure that all remaining Reception staff evacuate the building and assemble at the Fire Assembly Point.



Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) Part 1: Personal Information

Name of learner	
Course	
Name of tutor	
Name of buddy (if applicable)	
Campus	
Year of study	
Times and days of sessions	
Learning Support Worker(s)	

	Please tick		Please tick
Physical disability		Medical condition e.g. Arthritis	
Hearing impairment		Temporary impairment e.g. broken limb	
Visual impairment		Other	

	(please circle as appropriate)	
Does the learner have an identified Learning Support Worker(s)?	YES	NO
Can the learner hear audible alarm signals?	YES	NO
Can the learner use stairs safely in an emergency?	YES	NO
Can the learner use the stairs without assistance?	YES	NO
Can the learner follow exit signage without assistance?	YES	NO

Does the learner use a wheelchair and/or any other device to aid their mobility?	YES	NO	
<i>If yes to above, please describe:</i>			
If the learner uses a wheelchair, is it a manual or electric chair?	Manual	Electric	N/A
Does the learner use their wheelchair at all times while they are at college?	YES	NO	
Can the learner self-transfer?	YES	NO	

Part 2: Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)

Means of escape (please detail)

Alternative meeting point (please detail)

Conclusions/Recommendations

Include here any details relating to the learner's potential stress/anxiety levels and highlight in yellow so that they can be prioritised by Estates in the event of an emergency.

Signed

Learner: _____ Date _____

Tutor: _____ Date _____

Learning Support Worker(s): _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Parent / Carer: _____ Date _____

Location of Copies of Plan: (e.g. tutor, teaching staff, manager, HR, Learner Services, Campus Reception)

Questions for PEEP Preparation

General:

1. Where is the person based for most of the time?
2. Can they hear the fire alarm(s)?
3. Can they move quickly in the event of an emergency?
4. Do they find stairs difficult to use?
5. Could they raise the alarm if they discovered a fire?
6. Do they need assistance to get out of their place of work in an emergency?
7. Is anyone designated to assist them to get out in an emergency?
8. Is their arrangement with their assistant(s) a formal arrangement?
9. Is their contact always in easy reach?

Hearing Impairment:

1. Can they hear the fire alarm in normal circumstances?
2. Are they aware of any special or purpose-designed hearing system or device that is available and would assist them in hearing the fire alarm more clearly?
3. What measures do they feel would assist them to exit the building safely in the event of an emergency? For example:
 - if they have difficulty in hearing the fire alarm, a visual indicator or vibrating pager;
 - written emergency egress procedures;
 - emergency egress procedures to be supported by BSL interpretation;
 - an assistant
4. Are there any other concerns that they wish to raise?

Visual Impairment:

1. Do they have a visual impairment which could inhibit them being able to leave the building safely in the event of an emergency?
2. Do they require help to move around the building for example: a cane, guide dog or other equipment?
3. In normal circumstances, how long does it take them to leave the building unaided from their place of work?
4. What measures do they feel would assist them to exit the building safely in the event of an emergency? For example:
 - emergency procedures to be issued to them in Braille / on tape / in large print;
 - different signs to mark emergency routes and exits; tactile signage or floor surface; coloured tape on the floor surface
5. Are there any other concerns that they wish to raise?

Mobility Impairment:

1. Can they leave the building unassisted?
2. Do they need or use a wheelchair?
3. Is their wheelchair required for all circumstances?
4. Is their wheelchair a standard size or an electrically powered type with wider dimensions?
5. Would an evacuation chair help - and could they use it i.e. can they transfer from their wheelchair to an evacuation chair?
6. Would they find it acceptable to use a Refuge Point if required?
7. Would it be helpful if a member of staff were to be assigned to assist them (e.g. someone to stay with them in the refuge)?
8. What measures do they feel would assist them to exit the building safely in the event of an emergency?
9. Are there any other concerns that they wish to raise?

Some examples of helpful measures for consideration when discussing needs with mobility impaired people:

- Locating a team, which include disabled people with mobility impairments, as near to ground floor level, and close to fire exits as possible;
- The provision of evacuation chairs, to enable mobility impaired people unable to negotiate stairs, to be safely helped out of the building. Both the disabled person using the chair and those operating it should be properly trained in the use of the equipment in order to avoid accidents and to maintain adequate safety for other users of the stairs. This will require sufficient numbers of staff to be trained in the use of, handling, and lifting into the chair and available to respond in the event of an emergency;
- Clear designation and instructions for the use of 'Refuge Points' – for use while waiting for help to move from the refuge to safety

Tour of the Building / Work Environment that they work in / generally require access to:

Initial discussions with the disabled person should be followed by a tour of the place of work, including any exit routes. The following questions are provided as prompts for relevant observations relating to the building and work environment. These issues must be discussed during the tour – and recorded to form part of the PEEP / assessment

1. Is the directional and instructional signage adequate and relevant?
2. (If they have a hearing impairment) – are there illuminated alarm devices within the toilet areas that they use?
3. (If they have a partial mobility or sight impairment) – do they routinely negotiate staircases or do they use the lifts?
4. If they use the staircase, are steps adequately identified?
5. If they use a lift, is there easy access / egress and is it easy to operate the lift?
6. If they use a lift, is there an emergency telephone installed or an emergency button clearly marked for them to use?
7. Are there Fire Doors with self-closing devices on their exit routes – would that hinder them if they had to leave the building in an emergency?
8. Are there any internal or external steps that are difficult to negotiate?