



Evacuation of students with physical disabilities

Some students with physical disabilities are put at great risk when *carry-down* procedures of any kind are used during an evacuation. It is therefore necessary to reduce the need for emergency escapes, except in exceptional circumstances.

When a fire alarm is triggered, students with physical disabilities will be escorted to the closest safe area (refuge point). Identified staff will remain with the students until they can return to the classroom, once it is safe to do so.

These safe areas provide thirty minutes of fire resistance and are located as follows:

- Maths – at the top of both sets of stairs at the front and back of the building
- ICT – at the top of the stairs next to the lift
- 6th Form – at the top of the stairs near to the lift

In exceptional circumstances, named staff who are fully trained in the use of the Evac chair will have responsibility for evacuating students with physical disabilities.