

Table 8.3 Recommended systems for different building types. In this table, M = maintained emergency lighting, NM = non-maintained emergency lighting, and the number following is the minimum duration in hours.

Application (area)	System	Locations of luminaires	Notes
General building areas			
Entrance lobby/reception	NM/1	Wall or ceiling mounted	Consider security
Corridors	NM/1	Wall mounted at changes of direction or level, at fire alarm call points and at firefighting equipment	Consider identification of exits
Staircase	NM/1	Wall or ceiling mounted at each landing	Consider identification of exits
Staff restaurants	NM/1	Wall or ceiling	Consider additional requirements if used for entertainment purposes
Telecommunication/control rooms	NM/3	Wall or ceiling to illuminate switchboard, control desk etc	Consider additional illuminance, e.g. 5 lx
Plant room/boiler room/lift motor room	NM/3	Wall or ceiling to illuminate panels, plant switchgear etc	Consider additional illuminance, e.g. 5 lx
Lift	NM/1	Ceiling	Refer to BS 5655-1
Toilet	NM/1	Wall or ceiling	Only required for toilets greater than 8 m ² floor area (see BS 5266)
Offices (cellular)	Not required	Exit signs on wall or ceiling	Consider emergency lighting where an office gives access to other areas or where large areas of open plan are proposed
Offices (open plan)	NM/1	Ceiling	
Department store	NM/1	Wall or ceiling	People may be unfamiliar with layout
Covered shopping complex	NM/1	Wall or ceiling (shatter proof)	People may be unfamiliar with layout
Non-domestic residential			
Hotels/boarding houses	NM/3	Ceiling or wall (see general building areas) Special care required in identifying means of escape with directional and exit signs	People may be unfamiliar with layout
Hospitals	NM/3	Ceiling or wall	Escape lighting required for the movement of patients and staff to safe location. Longer durations may be necessary. Standby lighting may be needed for the continued treatment of patients