

# Code of practice - means of escape in case of fire

## GLC - Emergency Escape and Fire Fighting



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United Kingdom legislation before 1922 remained in force in the after its independence in that year. The Public Health Act 1936 was therefore amended by the Public Health Act 1961 to permit the making of one set of national building regulations to replace the 1,400 sets of local byelaws. The amendments were laid before Parliament on 7 July 1999 and became law on 1 December 1999.

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However, they required physical fire safety only for the structure of all new, altered or extended buildings. Security should never take precedence over safety.

### History of fire safety legislation in the United Kingdom

Fire certificates were required for some of these buildings, and there were some fire safety obligations generally imposed in respect of those temporary buildings, which did not require a fire certificate.

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They also wanted the responsibility of implementing the legislation to be removed from the fire service and placed on the employers, but the fire service would be the enforcing authority for the legislation. Alternative escape routes When specific escape routes are provided that do not form part of normal circulation routes it is important that employees are made aware of these.

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It also included provisions stating a maximum floor area for stores and warehouses. Section 4 of the Fire Precautions Act did give some limited powers to issue a 'Notice of Steps' to be taken to correct any defects. In 1974 the fire safety scope of the building regulations in England and Wales was extended through use of the then new powers given by the Fire Precautions Act 1971, to include minimum safety provisions for means of escape in case of fire.



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