

Fire Safety Statement of Intent



King's is committed to providing a healthy, safe and supportive environment that provides the education, research and service as outlined in Vision 2029.

The Council has overall responsibility for all King's staff, students and others affected by the university's activities with regards to fire safety. As President & Principal the executive authority is delegated to me and my senior team by the Council. We all recognise the importance of considering fire safety in everything we do and are committed to not only complying with statutory requirement but exceeding these when appropriate.

Fire Safety is included within the Health, Safety & Welfare Policy which is supported by a strategic plan, key objectives and performance measures, which we continuously monitor, review and audit taking the following also into consideration.

In the event of a fire, all persons should be able to leave the building safely and comfortably, and to meet our legal obligations we commit to:

- ensuring that the risks from fire are minimised and that our legal obligations are implemented fully
- safeguarding all relevant persons from death, injury and ill health as a result of fire and smoke
- minimising the risk of fire and limit the spread of fire and smoke if it occurs
- responsible stewardship of our assets, financial, material and heritage. This will usually involve specific measures and controls in addition to those required for life safety
- minimising the effects of fire on the university's business and on the environment
- Implementing a process of review to maintain the standard of fire safety management and enable, where practicable, to continually improve upon it
- complying with the requirements of legislation relating to fire and fire safety
- ensuring our staff and students have the necessary competencies to carry out the tasks expected of them through appropriate and adequate information, instruction and training
- ensuring there are sufficient arrangements for cooperation and coordination with other employers where we share spaces.

We expect our colleagues, students, contractors and visitors to:

- fulfil their legal obligations, as persons whose actions may influence the risk from fire on King's premises, by cooperating and complying fully with the university's arrangements.
- report any shortcoming in our fire safety arrangements, fire hazards and/or unsafe working practices that could lead to fire.
- take responsibility for themselves and others by reacting without delay in the event of a fire alarm (drill or emergency evacuation) and leaving the building by the safest route to assemble at a place of safety.

Where third-party and partnership properties do not fall under King's College London control, this statement does not apply to the owners/managers of those properties. However, King's College London expects assurance from the management of these properties that similar or better fire safety standards are maintained.