

## Access For All

### Further information

#### Disclaimer

These Notes are intended to complement current planning guidance, Part M of the Building Regulations and BS 8300; compliance with them:

- should not be construed as indicating compliance with any other document or any legislation, and
- should not be used as a defence in respect of any failure to comply with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

#### Approved Document M

Approved Document M - Access to and use of buildings can be downloaded from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) website, or purchased from The Stationery Office (TSO) (see below).

#### Useful contacts and documents

##### RNIB Customer Services

Tel: 0845 7023 153 Web: <http://onlineshop.rnib.org.uk>

- The Sign Design Guide: guidelines for good practice in sign design
- Building Sight: handbook of building and interior design solutions to include the needs of visually impaired people

##### British Standards Institution (BSI)

389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL

Tel: 020 8996 9001 Web: [www.bsi-global.com](http://www.bsi-global.com)

- BS 5499 Part 1: Fire safety signs, notices and graphic symbols - Specification for fire safety signs
- BS 5588 Part 8: Means of escape for disabled people
- BS 5588 series gives guidance on means of escape for various types of buildings and circumstances
- BS 5709: Gaps, gates and stiles – specifications
- BS 8300: Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people
- BS 8501: Graphic symbols and signs – public information symbols

##### The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR)

12 City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 8AF

Tel: 020 7250 3222 Fax: 020 7250 0212  
Minicom: 020 7250 4119 E-mail: [radar@radar.org.uk](mailto:radar@radar.org.uk)  
Web: [www.radar.org.uk](http://www.radar.org.uk)

For the purchase of RADAR keys

##### Sport England

Tel: 08458 508 508 Fax: 020 7383 5740  
Email: [info@sportengland.org](mailto:info@sportengland.org) Web: [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

Download or purchase

- Access for Disabled People: Design Guidance Note

### **Joseph Rowntree Foundation**

The Homestead, 40 Water End, York, North Yorkshire, YO30 6WP

Tel: 01904 629241

Fax: 01904 620072

Web: [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk)

Further details on the Lifetime Homes standards, and

- Meeting Part M and Designing Lifetime Homes

### **Women's Design Service**

52/54 Featherstone Street, LONDON, EC1Y 8RT

Tel: 020 7490 5210

Email: [info@wds.org.uk](mailto:info@wds.org.uk)

Web: [www.wds.org.uk](http://www.wds.org.uk)

- Housing for Independence: disabled women informing inclusive design principles and policy

### **Planning Portal**

Web: [www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en)

- Approved Document M of the Building Regulations

Web: [www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1049384438728.html](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1049384438728.html)

- Planning and Access for Disabled People

### **The Stationery Office (TSO)**

Tel: 0870 600 5522

Email: [tsoservices@tso.co.uk](mailto:tsoservices@tso.co.uk)

Web: [www.tso.co.uk](http://www.tso.co.uk)

- Approved Document M of the Building Regulations

### **Servicecall**

Milford Lane, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1EX

Tel: 0800 458 3008

Fax: 01629 815470

Email: [info@service-call.net](mailto:info@service-call.net)

Web: [www.service-call.net](http://www.service-call.net)

### **VisitBritain**

Thames Tower, Black's Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9EL

Tel: 020 8846 9000

Fax: 020 8563 0302

Web: [www.visitbritain.org](http://www.visitbritain.org)

### **Holiday Care**

7th Floor, Sunley House, 4 Bedford Park, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 2AP

Tel: 0845 124 9971

Fax: 0845 124 9972

Minicom: 0845 124 9976

Email: [info@tourismforall.org.uk](mailto:info@tourismforall.org.uk)

Web: [www.holidaycare.org.uk](http://www.holidaycare.org.uk)

Several publications and advice on access issues

### **Office of Public Sector Information**

Web: [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)

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- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Subordinate Provisions Order 2006

## **Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)**

Web: [www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1162101](http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1162101)

- Fire safety law guidance documents

## **Fieldfare Trust**

Volunteer House, 69 Crossgate, Cupar, Fife, KY15 5AS

Tel: 01334 657708

Fax: 0870 7066008

Email: [info@fieldfare.org.uk](mailto:info@fieldfare.org.uk)

Web: [www.fieldfare.org.uk](http://www.fieldfare.org.uk)

- Countryside for All Good Practice guide: A Good Practice Guide to Countryside Access for Disabled People, 2003 CD Edition

## **Disability Rights Commission (DRC)**

DRC Helpline, FREEPOST, MID 02164, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9BR

Tel: 08457 622 633

Textphone: 08457 622 644

Fax: 08457 778 878

Web: [www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)

For advice on anything to do with the Disability Discrimination Act

Many codes of practice can be viewed, downloaded or purchased, including

- Rights of Access - Goods, Facilities, Services and Premises

## **Centre for Accessible Environments (CAE)**

70 South Lambeth Road, London, SW8 1RL

Tel: 020 7840 0125

Textphone: 020 7840 0125

Fax: 020 7840 5811

Email: [info@cae.org.uk](mailto:info@cae.org.uk)

Web: [www.cae.org.uk](http://www.cae.org.uk)

Provides an access consultancy and training courses, and

- Designing for accessibility: An essential guide for public buildings

## **Directgov - Disabled people**

Web: [www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople)

Provides various guidance and a list of Disabled people contacts

## **Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)**

105 Judd Street, London, WC1H 9NE

Tel: 020 7388 1266

Fax: 020 7388 2034

Email: [helpline@rnib.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnib.org.uk)

Web: [www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk)

## **Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID)**

19-23 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8SL

Tel: 020 7296 8000

Textphone: 020 7296 8001

Fax: 020 7296 8199

E-mail: [informationline@rnid.org.uk](mailto:informationline@rnid.org.uk)

Web: [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)

## **The Sign Design Society**

The Sign Design Society, Flat 13, Ashton Heights, 51 Horniman Drive, Forest Hill, SE23 3BS

Tel: 0208 699 1239 Email: [enquiries@signdesignsociety.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@signdesignsociety.co.uk)  
Web: [www.signdesignsociety.co.uk](http://www.signdesignsociety.co.uk)

## AbilityNet

Tel: 0800 269545 Email: [enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk)  
Web: [www.abilitynet.org.uk](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk)

Supporting disabled adults and children in using computers and the internet by adapting and adjusting their technology.

Purchase various resources including:

- The WebAIM Guide to Web Accessibility

## Useful local contacts

### Lewes Area Access Group

Contact through:

Tel: 01273 484409 Textphone: 01273 484488  
Email: [planning@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewes.gov.uk)

### Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean Access Group

Contact through:

Tel: 01273 484409 Textphone: 01273 484488  
Email: [planning@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewes.gov.uk)

### Access in Seaford and Newhaven Committee

Contact through:

Tel: 01273 484409 Textphone: 01273 484488  
Email: [planning@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewes.gov.uk)

### Eastbourne Access Group

Contact through:

Tel: 01323 415218 Textphone: 01323 415111  
Email: [planning@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewes.gov.uk)

### Hastings and Rother Disability Forum

HRDF, PO Box 269, Hastings, TN34 9BS

Tel: 01424 201201 Email: [enquiries@hrdf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hrdf.org.uk)  
Web: [www.hrdf.org.uk](http://www.hrdf.org.uk)

### East Sussex Disability Association

East Sussex Disability Association, 1 Faraday Close, Hampden Park, Eastbourne, BN22 9BH

Tel: 01323 514500 Fax: 01323 514501  
Typetalk: 18001 01323 514500 e-mail: [info@esda.org.uk](mailto:info@esda.org.uk)  
Web: [www.esda.org.uk](http://www.esda.org.uk)

### East Sussex County Council - Easy access to the Sussex countryside

Web: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/disabledaccess](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/disabledaccess)

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