

# THE NORTH WEST CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP



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## **FIRE SAFETY POLICY**

This policy must be read in conjunction with the following NWCSG Policies:-  
Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Moving and Handling Policy,

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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 states that the person(s) responsible for a building must provide a fire safety risk assessment that includes an emergency evacuation plan for all people likely to be on the premises, including disabled people, and details of how that plan will be implemented. Under the current fire safety legislation anyone who has control of premises or anyone who has a degree of control over certain areas may be a “responsible person”.(1)

It is noted that there is sometimes a tendency to overplay the safety issue to the detriment of the independence and dignity of disabled people. (2)

**An evacuation plan should NOT rely upon the intervention of the Fire and Rescue Service to make it work.**

The NWCSG recognises that it has a responsibility to plan effectively for the safe evacuation of children and helpers in the event of a fire.

The NWCSG holiday leaders will prepare a fire evacuation plan for each of the holiday venues.

The NWCSG will provide training for all helpers to enable them to carry out a safe evacuation when necessary.

### References

1:- Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Means of Escape for Disabled People (supplementary guide) HM Govt

2:- <http://www.accesscode.info/index.htm>