

BRACKNELL FOREST BOROUGH COUNCIL

GLAZING POLICY

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Glazing Policy:

To reduce the risk of injury by ensuring that glazing with which people are likely to come into contact whilst moving in or about a building meets the minimum standard of impact performance for safety glazing, through compliance with the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 and the Building Regulations. That is, should be sufficiently robust to minimise the risk of breakages and to break safely upon impact.

Relevant Glazing:

The relevant requirements of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 are now covered by Part K – Protection from falling, collision and impact of the Building Regulations 2013. Critical locations are those where glazing is most likely to be subject to impact and are:

- (a) between finished floor level and 800mm above that level in internal and external walls and partitions
- (b) between finished floor level and 1500mm above that level in a door or in a side panel close to either edge of the door.
- (c) In glazed balustrades
- (d) In wet areas such as showers and swimming pools
- (e) In any other area where the activity or type of person exposed to glazing increases the likelihood of breakage hazards

Action to Taken:

Heads of Establishment, managers and contractors working for Bracknell Forest Council will take action to minimise the risk of injury from glass breakages in critical locations by ensuring that:

- 1) Safety film is applied to existing glazing where this does not comply with current regulations, to be installed to the manufactures guidelines by an authorised window film installations company.
- 2) Laminated or toughened safety glass is used to replace broken or cracked glass, clearly marked with a BS6206 British safety standard kite mark. However if the rebate or window frame type will not accept it, safety film will be applied to the replacement glass.