

# **Hawkesbury Hospital Hall**

**Charity Number 1176993**

## **Fire Evacuation Policy**

This policy has been adopted by Hawkesbury Hospital Hall Management Committee who remain responsible for its review on a regular basis.

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# HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL HALL

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

**To be activated in the event of Fire, Bomb Threat or Utility Failure.**

**The Hirer is deemed to be the responsible person to activate this plan and shall be on the premises for the duration of the hire period.**

The post code address of these premises is:

**GL9 1AU**

The Hirer must consider how to contact the emergency services when carrying out the event risk assessment prior to commencement of the hire period. The emergency services can be contacted from the shop (if open), on a personal mobile (if there is sufficient signal) or by speaking to a homeowner in the immediate vicinity.

This plan contains:

1. Responsibility of Hirer if an emergency is declared
2. How to warn event attendees of the emergency
3. Persons responsible for summoning the emergency services
4. Evacuation procedure
5. Identification of vulnerable persons and those especially at risk and their evacuation arrangements
6. Identify organisers with special duties such as Fire Marshals
7. Identify the Fire Assembly Point
8. Liaising with the emergency response co-ordinator on arrival and notifying of significant risks
9. The shutdown of equipment or power supplies that require isolation
10. Training that may be required by event organiser's and their helpers`

### **1 Responsibility of Hirer if an emergency is declared**

In the event of an emergency as specified on the front cover of this document the hirer, who is designated as the '**Responsible Person**' shall implement the Emergency Action Plan, using any additional control measures identified on their event risk assessment.

They must ensure:

- That the alarm is sounded, by operating a call point if necessary or shout "fire" in the event of a system failure.
- Ensure, previously designated, fire marshals direct all occupants to the safe exits and inform them to congregate adjacent to the Play Area on the recreation field.
- Nominate an individual to contact the required emergency service and liaise with the Officer in charge when they arrive.
- Fight any fire if trained and it is safe to do so.
- Conduct a role call of persons attending the event.
- Ensure key helpers have a clear understanding of their role and provide instruction if required.

### **2 How to warn event attendees of an emergency**

The method for warning event attendees of an emergency situation should be promulgated to attendees at the commencement of the event by a person nominated by the responsible person. Individuals may activate the Fire Alarm System by operating the break glass point at any exit. The fire alarm is an instruction to all occupants to evacuate the building without delay and the nominated fire marshals will assist this process.

In the unlikely event that a fire alarm is activated inadvertently the responsible person should go to the call point which has been activated and replace the call point glass. To silence the alarm, proceed to the fire alarm panel in the main foyer and press the silence button. Report all incidents to the booking clerk. Spare call point glass is stored in the kitchen cupboard next to the tall fridge in the servery area.

### **3 Persons responsible for summoning the emergency services**

The person nominated, by the responsible person, to contact the required emergency service should provide the following details once contact is made:

- The name of the building – **HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL HALL**
- The postal address – High Street, Hawkesbury Upton, GL9 1AU
- Give the telephone number of the phone by which you have contacted the service.
- Brief circumstances i.e. approx. location of fire or description of threat.
- Describe the Village Hall car park entrance and note landmarks i.e. Beaufort Inn.

#### **4 Evacuation procedure**

Make your way to the nearest fire exit and out of the building to the assembly point in the recreation ground near the Play Area in a calm and orderly manner. Return to the building is prohibited until you have been told it is safe to do so by the Officer controlling the incident. The silencing of the fire alarm must never be an indication that it is safe to re-enter the building.

#### **5 Identification of vulnerable persons and those especially at risk and their evacuation arrangements**

Consideration must be given to mobility, or hearing, or sight impaired persons so that they are not put at a disadvantage in an emergency situation. This should also include purpose groups and the elderly. Any vulnerable persons may require assisted evacuation from the building.

#### **6 Identify organisers with special duties such as Fire Marshals**

At the event planning stage the risk assessment will identify the number of the public expected. A maximum of 200 persons are permitted within the building at any one time and two fire marshals or stewards should be nominated for every one hundred persons expected.

#### **7 Identify the Fire Assembly Point outside of the building**

The designated assembly point for persons evacuating the building is in the recreation ground adjacent to the Play Area. All attendees should make their way to that area and report to the event organiser for a role call. At this time notify the person conducting the role call of any known individual, who attended the event, which you have not seen or perceive to be missing. Such information shall be passed to the Senior Officer of the Emergency Service in attendance.

#### **8 Liaising with the emergency response co-ordinator on arrival and notifying of significant risks**

The individual nominated to contact the required emergency service should provide details of the incident as instructed by the responsible person and itemised in paragraph 3 above. Upon arrival of the emergency service the nominated person is to make themselves known to the senior officer attending and provide local knowledge of the incident as requested.

#### **9 The shutdown of equipment or power supplies that require isolation**

The emergency service attending an incident may be in possession of a site map however it will be necessary to provide directions to the power cabinet situated in the under stairs cupboard in the main Hall.

#### **10 Training that may be required by event organiser's and their helpers`**

During the risk assessment phase of planning an event at Hawkesbury Hospital Hall the responsible person/event organiser/hirer will assess if they or attendees with special duties require additional training and ensure that any necessary training is completed.