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Change Log

Thursday, 1 January 2004	Create PEEP based on Disability Discrimination report access Paulette Furnival produced by access-solutions.org.uk
Friday, 2 December 2016	review and Addition of Ales Srokosv to header
Friday, 3 May 2019	Correction to PEEP inclusion of work Personal

PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan)

We commissioned a disability discrimination audit in 2004. The findings of the report included 'Agree a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)'.

Our responsibility

The Practice has a legal responsibility to put measures in place for the safe evacuation of persons from its premises. Therefore the building is equipped with the means to detect fire/smoke, for an alarm to be raised, and for the occupants to reach a place of final safety.

What is a PEEP?

A PEEP is a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (sometimes this is called a Personal Emergency Egress Plan) developed by the practice to safely evacuate the building during an emergency.

Who requires a PEEP?

In the majority of cases it will be possible for building occupants to be aware of an alarm and make their way unaided to a place of final safety, for some however it may not be that straight forward, and some form of additional assistance may be required.

What to do in the event of an emergency where people in the building need to be evacuated.

When patients, staff or contractors are in the building we are aware of their needs from a disability perspective. Some of our patients are elderly and physically less able, some are hard of hearing and some have sight impairment. These aspects are noted on their patient record card (for example patients who have difficulty with stairs are seen on the ground floor). We can identify from the Dentally system which patients may need assistance. To this end the dentist, dentist's nurse or reception staff will assist such patients when evacuating the building.

Who needs a PEEP?

PEEPs may be required for anybody entering the practice (staff, patients, contractors or visitors) that may have one or more of the following:

- Mobility conditions
- Sight conditions

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- Hearing conditions
- Neurodiverse or mental health conditions
- Other circumstances that may affect a person's ability to evacuate (this could include people with underlying health conditions, or who are pregnant or who have a short-term injury, such as a broken leg).

The key question that determines whether a PEEP is required is "Can you evacuate a building unaided in a reasonably prompt manner during an emergency situation?" If the answer is "NO" then a PEEP is likely to be required.

We do not currently have any patients who require a PEEP but will prepare one if this changes. The PEEP will be marked on the Dentally patient record under the 'medical' tab of their record.