

# Imperial College London

**Fire Safety Department**

**Room 174, Sherfield building**

## **Code of Practice**

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### **PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION STORED IN BUILDINGS**

Personal transport such as bicycles, segways, e-scooters, scooters, skateboards and other such items can pose hazards if stored within buildings.

It is the policy of the Fire Safety Department that such items are not to be stored or left inside buildings, in external fire exit routes or Equality Act 2010 access routes at any time. Bicycles in particular are considered a risk to life safety if stored or left in fire exit routes. Past experience has shown that people have positioned bicycles in such a way that compromises building users' means of escape.

Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 Article 14, "The responsible person must ensure all emergency exits and routes to emergency exits are kept clear and available at all relevant times".

Smaller items of personal transport may be stored in a safe area, away from access or egress routes, within offices. This includes fold-up bicycles, if they are folded prior to entering any building and remain folded at all times within the building.

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