



THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
BUILDING STANDARDS

Professional Policy Note

Stair Lifts to Common Stairs Accessing Flats

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1. General

Since the Building Scotland Regulations 2004 came into force there has been a general requirement that new buildings are designed so that they are accessible to all and are more easily adapted to meet the future needs of the occupants.

2. Guidance

Section 4.2.8 of the Domestic handbook, 2007 Edition, gives guidance on the requirements to take into account when designing a stair to allow the future installation of a stair lift within a dwelling however it does not specify whether this requirement would apply to the common stairs within a block of flats.

3. Procedure

At the Team Leaders and Principles meeting on the 23/08/07 it was agreed that the guidance as set out in 4.2.8 in the Domestic Handbook 2007 Edition **would not** apply to a common stair within a block of flats or maisonettes.