

RESIDENTIAL PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS (RPEEPS)

The Grenfell Inquiry Phase 1 recommendations and Fire Safety (Residential Evacuation Plans) (England) Regulations 2025 highlight the need for the whereabouts and information pertaining to people with mobility, cognitive or sensory impairments to support the fire and rescue service in evacuation and rescue. Due to the sensitive nature of this information and the difficulties around keeping the information up to date, this guidance advises that the minimum possible information is retained in the SIB to achieve this purpose. The fire and rescue service should be provided with the minimum information detailed below.

The RP must share the following prescribed information on all relevant residents with their local fire and rescue authority, subject to the explicit agreement of each relevant resident to this information being shared:

- The resident's flat number
- The resident's floor number
- Basic information regarding the degree of assistance that the resident may require to evacuate the building. This should include the number of people the RP estimates will be required to assist the resident out of the building.
- Whether the resident has an emergency evacuation statement

For fire and rescue service purposes, a simple list of flat numbers is needed with an indicator of:

- Whether a person needs to be alerted that there is an incident taking place
- Whether a person requires assistance to evacuate or be rescued including an estimate of how many people might be needed to assist
- Whether any critical equipment is needed to assist the evacuation or carry out a rescue

To achieve this, the location of the resident requiring assistance should be recorded on a schematic drawing of the building, with one of the following categories assigned to them:

Note: The estimate of the number of people required to assist a resident out of the building is an indicative guide only. This will give an indication to the incident commander about the fire and rescue service resources that will be required.

Category 1 (Red)

Person requiring rescue or evacuation by 3 or more people, including any additional equipment. Examples could include:

- A bariatric person
- Wheelchair user

- Someone who requires a stretcher
- Someone who has medical equipment with them

The additional equipment and number of people required should be recorded under the category, along with contact details of any telecare provider if the person uses such a service.

Category 2 (Amber)

Person requiring rescue or evacuation by 2 or less people with no additional equipment required. Examples could include:

- A person with a mobility impairment but who is not a wheelchair user
- A person with a mobility impairment who walks using a mobility aid, for example sticks or a walking frame
- Some who is blind or partially sighted
- Some people with a hearing impairment
- Some people with a cognitive impairment

Although less likely in the case of Category 2 (Amber) residents, information should include contact details of any telecare provider if the person uses such a service.

The adoption of this methodology gives an immediate view of the location of any residents requiring assistance, enabling a simple calculation of the resources required to carry out a rescue or emergency evacuation.

Individual residents cannot be compelled to provide information on their category; however, the RP should clearly explain the purpose of this information and its storage in the SIB in their resident engagement strategy.

It is critical that any information stored about Category 1 or 2 residents is kept up to date and secure. Firefighters responding to an operational incident are only able to act on the information available at the time, potentially risking their lives or losing precious time trying to locate a resident who no longer lives in the building, or who no longer requires assistance.

The one exception to this approach would be if a known higher risk multi-occupied residential building has a 'waking watch' on site. This is a temporary measure to facilitate a change to simultaneous evacuation, due to the level of risk posed by a building. In such cases, provision should be put in place to manage the evacuation of a building, following a suitable assessment of the risk.

Residential Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (RPEEPs): Summary information for firefighters

Full building address:	Total number of floors:	
	Total number of flats:	
	Number of residents who have difficulty evacuating:	
	Floor plans included in secure information box:	
	Information correct as of:	dd/mmm/yyyy

Floor number	Flat number	Number of people who may require assistance?	Information about the degree of assistance that the resident may require to evacuate the building	Potential number of people required to assist or rescue the resident	Resident has Emergency Evacuation Statement? Y/N	Location of or access to Emergency Evacuation Statement	Social alarm monitoring centre contact details	Connected to the Evacuation Alert System Y/N
10	40	1	Older person who uses mobility scooter. Difficulty using stairs. Oxygen cylinder in bedroom.	3+	Y			
6	18	1	Using crutches. Can use stairs slowly.	2	Y			

3+ People	Person requiring rescue or evacuation by 3 or more people, including any additional equipment. For example, bariatric person, wheelchair user or person who requires stretcher or medical assistance. The additional equipment and number of people required should be recorded in the individual RPEEP.	1 or 2 People	Person requiring rescue or evacuation by 1 or 2 people, with no additional equipment required. For example, people with visual impairment, hearing impairment or cognitive impairment but who are mobile.
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Schematic showing the location of Category 1 (Red) and Category 2 (Amber) residents

Name of building

Address of building

Floor number **Flat numbers and RPEEP Category**

15 Plant rooms

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13	Flat 51		Flat 52		Flat 53		Flat 54	
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12	Flat 47		Flat 48		Flat 49		Flat 50	
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11	Flat 43		Flat 44		Flat 45		Flat 46	
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10	Flat 39		Flat 40		Flat 41		Flat 42	
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9	Flat 35		Flat 36		Flat 37		Flat 38	
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8	Flat 31		Flat 32		Flat 33		Flat 34	
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7	Flat 27		Flat 28		Flat 29		Flat 30	
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6	Flat 23		Flat 24		Flat 25		Flat 26	
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5	Flat 19		Flat 20		Flat 21		Flat 22	
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4	Flat 15		Flat 16		Flat 17		Flat 18	
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3	Flat 11		Flat 12		Flat 13		Flat 14	
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2	Flat 7		Flat 8		Flat 9		Flat 10	
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1	Flat 3		Flat 4		Flat 5		Flat 6	
Ground	Flat 1		Flat 2		Communal			
L1	Car park							
Last updated by (name)						Date		
Risk Category 1 (Red)		Person requiring rescue or evacuation by 3 or more people, including any additional equipment. For example, bariatric person, wheelchair user or person who requires stretcher or medical assistance. The additional equipment and estimated number of people required should be recorded in the individual RPEEP.						
Risk Category 2 (Amber)		Person requiring rescue or evacuation by 1 or 2 people, with no additional equipment required. For example, people with visual impairment, hearing impairment or cognitive impairment but who are mobile.						

* Category colour and description in accordance with FIA/NFCC Code of Practice for secure information boxes