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Customer Name:	Jonathan Rolls P	roperty Management			
Property Name / Number:	Kingsley Court		Ref:	SM8#: 12214	
Address:	142 Kings Road		County:	East Sussex	
Town:	Brighton		Postcoo	le: BN1 2LP	Property Assessed
Assessor's Name:	Mark Jackson			Purpose of visit:	New Assessment
Assessment Date:	20/08/2024				a purpose built block of residential
Suggested Review Date:	12 Months			self contained fla to the seafront.	ats located in central Brighton close
Responsible Person:	Jonathan Rolls (N	lanaging Agents)			
Date of issue:	16th September 2	2024			
1. Property li	nformatio	on:			
Total number of storeys:		Number of floors belo	w ground:	1 Are the	ere any plant rooms? YES
Type of assessment compl	eted: Type 1: Com	mon parts only (non-de	estructive) in	cluding visual inspe	ection of the external walls.
Details of construction:	Irpose built propert	y consisting of brick, tir	mber and co	ncrete construction.	. Building height (m): >18
Balconies present: Juliette	e type only	Exterior walls: The e	exterior walls	are unlikely to sup	
Stair details: Concrete		Are	the stairs lob	bied? Yes	Lifts? Yes
This is a purpose build block of residential flats which is of concrete and steel frame construction with the external walls being of brick and block cavity walls finished with a sand and cement render. It has a slate covered mansard roof with a large flat roof area finished with bituminous felt. There are Juliette style balconies to the front elevation. There is a central concrete communal stairway which spans from ground to fifth floor, access to the flats is gained via lobbies that come off the main stairs and a lift which serves all floors apart form the penthouse which is accessed via a stairway. There is a lower ground					
floor parking area which is accessed to the front of the building by vehicle and by the stairs and lift internally. The internal walls are of masonry block or brick construction with "dot & dab" applied plasterboard with a plaster finish.					
There is a fire detection system in place and emergency lighting throughout the communal areas.					
There is no reported fire lo	oss history for this p	property.			
2. Occupants	5:				
Number of flats: 20		Number of residents:	40-50	Numb	per of visitors: 10-15
Any occupants especially a	t risk2 NO		Any disabl	ed persons on site	2 Unknown

In accordance with the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 all occupants must be routinely informed of the fire safety arrangements for the building including details of fire safety systems and appropriate actions to take in the event of discovering a fire or becoming aware of a fire within another part of the building.

The assessor was not advised, nor saw any evidence of persons requiring assistance in an emergency evacuation of the building.

3.1 Sources of Ignition (electrical):

Date of next recommend Electrical Inspection Condition Report (EICR):

 Do the fixed electrical installations appear to be in good condition and free from any physical defect?
 YES subject to EICR

 Date of last Electrical Inspection Condition Report (EICR):
 20/03/23

Are there any portable electrical appliances on site?
Date of last PAT if relevant: No PAT data seen

EICR testing dates

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An EICR was observed to have been completed in accordance with BS7671 within the property. Any non conformities recorded within the report must be addressed in accordance with the risk rating (classification code) within the scheduled time scales. All such work must only be completed by a competent person.

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Yes

There was a vacuum cleaner and various other electrical appliance for example computer equipment and a kettle seen on site (see pics 14 & 15) there was no in date PAT data stickers seen on the appliances. All portable electrical appliances should be placed on a register and be made subject to portable appliance testing (PAT). Any defective equipment must be repaired or removed from site. The schedule of re-testing should be advised by the inspecting engineer. All work to be completed by a competent person.

There was seen to be an EV charger in car park area. It should be ensured that the unit and any associated equipment is subject to the required electrical safety checks in accordance with BS 7671:2018.

3.2 Other Sources of Ignition:

Is there a clear NO SMOKING policy in place? YES

Are there any items found which could be used in an act of arson? NO

The property has a secure door entry phone system to prevent unauthorised access (see pic 4).

4. Gas Installations:

Are there any gas meters or pipework within the common parts of the property?	YES
If YES are they enclosed in a fire protective enclosure or from potential mechanical harm?	YES
Is there safe separation from mains electrical and gas equipment (usually 1500mm)?	YES

The gas meters are housed at various points around the lower ground floor car park area, they are within individual meter boxes and been located at a level that should minimise the risk of mechanical harm.

5. Housekeeping

General: At the time of assessment housekeeping within the common ways was to a good standard.

Furniture: At the time of assessment there was no evidence of any furniture within the common parts of the property.

Electrical and gas meter cupboards free of readily flammable storage? YES

6. Fire Protection:

a) Flat entrance doors:

Sample doo	r inspected?	YES	Т	he inspected door was: Found to be a notional FD30S do	por.
Door furnitu	re: Was fo	und to be	e unsuitable	for purpose.	
Glazing: Th	ne flat entrar	ice doors	did not hav	e any glazed elements.	
Are the flat	entrances lo	obied?	YES	Has a fire door inspection been recently completed?	Yes - Date: unknown

In accordance with the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 all occupants must be routinely informed of the importance and function of fire doors within the property, their obligation not to interfere with their correct operation and to report any damage or failure to the Responsible Person.

In accordance with the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 all flat entrance doors accessed from the internal common areas must be routinely inspected and maintained to a minimum notional FD30S Self Closing standard.

At the time of assessment it was not possible to establish if all of the fire doors were of a suitable standard. A full fire door survey should therefore be arranged and all remedial works completed.

As the property is over 11m, then it is also a legal requirement to carry out visual inspections of all communal doors. This should include lobby doors and doors to risers and service cupboards (as per Regulation 10 guidance as issued 25th Oct 2023).

One of the Directors (flat 13) advised that a door inspection had been completed and they were in the process of finalising the recommended works. It is therefore assumed that all fire door defects noted within the report will be attended to.

6. Fire Protection:

b) Partitioning, separation & other observations:

The partition walls between flats and common parts: were found to be suitably fire resisting.

The mains electrical installations:

were found to be suitably enclosed within a 30min fire resisting cupboard.

The internal walls are of masonry block or brick construction with "dot & dab" applied plasterboard with a plaster finish and were seen to be in a sound condition.

There was seen to be a number of breaches in the fire stopping/compartmentation with a number of the service rise cupboards (for examples see pics 16, 18, 22 & 29). All gaps and holes made for the passing of cables and pipes including ducting should be fully fire stopped using a suitable intumescent product NOT expanding foam. All service riser cupboards should be made subject to a full fire stopping survey by a competent fire stopping contractor. All recommended works should then be implemented as soon as possible.

6. Fire Protection:

c) Loft & ceiling voids:

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Were ceiling voids accessed and inspected at the time of assessment?	There are no accessible ceiling voids.
Were they found to be clear of readily flammable storage?	N/A
Was vertical partitioning found to be present within the area?	N/A

7. Escape Routes:

Are the escape route widths suitable for purpose? YES	Sufficient mains lighting? YES
Do travel distances appear to be acceptable? YES	Suitable STAY PUT lighting? N/A
Is there a secondary means of escape? NO	Suitable mail management? YES
Was the secondary means of escape accessible? N/A	Anti arson mailbox present? N/A
Were escape routes found to be free of obstruction? YES	Ascertained evacuation policy? SIMULTANEOUS
Does the property have a fire emergency plan? YES	Suitable fire safety signage? YES

The Fire action plan to main entrance would seem to indicate that the block adopts a simultaneous evacuation policy and it also still refers to using appliances provided, however, appliances are not provided this may cause a resident to waste time trying to locate an appliance instead of evacuating the building. The notice should be reviewed and change accordingly.

The assessor was advised by one of the directors that they are due to carry out extensive fire door upgrade works. The existence of a communal only fire alarm and detection system, which could be heard in the flats, along with the fire action notice would seem to indicate the block has adopted a simulations evacuation policy as advised by the fire action notice. We would recommend that once all the works have been completed this policy be reviewed. The building is a purpose built block of flats and under current guidance has the potential to lend itself to a "stay put" policy, pending further inspection and review of the current fire safety systems.

There was way-finder signage provided throughout the communal areas (see pic 24), however it did not seem to meet with the requirements as set out below. There was also a lack of fire exit signage to the rear/side fire exit and the lower grounds floor parking area. All way-finder and fire exit signage should be reviewed in accordance with the guidance set out below.

Way-finding Signage:

It is a legal requirement under Regulation 8 of the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 for all high rise buildings to install signage visible in low light or smoky conditions that identifies flat and floor numbers in the stairwells, this must also give direction if there is more than a single direction on the floor. All signage should be installed in accordance with Approved Document B section 15.13 - 15.16. Included should be suitable directional FIRE EXIT signs to clearly show the means of escape in the event of a fire. All signage should be durable, photo-luminescent and meet BS EN ISO 7010 regulations.

Wayfinding signage for the fire service:

15.13 To assist the fire service to identify each floor in a block of flats with a top storey more than 11m above ground level, floor identification signs and flat indicator signs should be provided.

15.14 The floor identification signs should meet all of the following conditions.

a. The signs should be located on every landing of a protected stairway and every protected corridor/lobby (or open access balcony) into which a firefighting lift opens.

b. The text should be in sans serif typeface with a letter height of at least 50mm. The height of the numeral that designates the floor number should be at least 75mm.

c. The signs should be visible from the top step of a firefighting stair and, where possible, from inside a firefighting lift when the lift car doors open.

d. The signs should be mounted between 1.7m and 2m above floor level and, as far as practicable, all the signs should be mounted at the same height.

e. The text should be on a contrasting background, easily legible and readable in low level lighting conditions or when illuminated with a torch.

15.15 The wording used on each floor identification sign should take the form Floor X, with X designating the number of the storey, as intended for reference by residents. The floor number designations should meet all of the following conditions.

a. The floor closest to the mean ground level (see Diagram D4) should be designated as either Floor 0 or Ground Floor.

- b. Each floor above the ground floor should be numbered sequentially beginning with Floor 1.
- c. A lower ground floor should be designated as either Floor –1 or Lower Ground Floor.

d. Each floor below the ground floor should be numbered sequentially beginning with Floor -1 or Basement 1.

15.16 All floor identification signs should be supplemented by flat indicator signs, which provide information relating to the flats accessed on each storey. The flat indicator signs should meet all of the following conditions.

a. The signs should be sited immediately below the floor identification signs, such that the top edge of the sign is no more than 50mm below the bottom edge of the floor identification sign.

b. The wording should take the form Flats X-Y, with the lowest flat number first.

c. The text should be in sans serif typeface with a letter height of at least half that of the floor indicator sign.

d. The wording should be supplemented by arrows when flats are in more than one direction.

e. The text and arrows should be on a contrasting background, easily legible and readable in low level lighting conditions or when illuminated with a torch.

NOTE: In the case of multi-storey flats with two or more entrances, the flat number should only be indicated on the normal access storey.

8. Fire Safety Systems:

riease select which systems are present.		ecords available.	
Communal fire detection and alarm system	last service date	01/02/24	Category of fire detection as observed:
Domestic fire detection and alarm system	last service date		L4+M and AOV operation.
Emergency lighting	last service date	01/02/24	Is a fire alarm system required?
			N/A
Smoke control/venting	last service date	01/2/24	In the fire clowe system tested wealth 2
X Dry risers	last service date	ТВС	Is the fire alarm system tested weekly?
	last service date	TBC	YES
Sprinkler or suppression system	last service date		Is there a fire log book present?
Portable fire extinguishers	last service date	твс	YES
X Lightning protection system	last service date	твс	Emergency lighting testing frequency
Other	last service date		Monthly

The building is over 18m and as such all fire safety systems should be inspected and or serviced on a monthly bases, there were onsite records of the fire alarm and detection system and the emergency lighting however there were no records made available for the fire extinguisher in the lift motor room, the dry riser and no records for the maintenance and servicing for the lightning protection system. The client need to confirm that all fire safety equipment is maintained and service in accordance with current guidance. (see below for further guidance)

In high-rise residential buildings (Either over 18m or 7 storeys or more), responsible persons will now be required under the fire safety act to:

- Building Plans:

Provide their local Fire and Rescue Service with up-to-date electronic building floor plans and to place a hard copy of these plans, alongside a single page building plan which identifies key firefighting equipment, in a Secure Information Box (SIB) on site.

- External Wall Systems:

Provide to their local Fire and Rescue Service information about the design and materials of a high-rise building's external wall system and to inform the Fire and Rescue Service of any material changes to these walls. Also, they will be required to provide information in relation to the level of risk that the design and materials of the external wall structure gives rise to and any mitigating steps taken.

- Lifts and other key Fire-Fighting Equipment:

Undertake monthly checks on the operation of lifts intended for use by firefighters, and evacuation lifts in their building and check the functionality of other key pieces of firefighting equipment. They will also be required to report any defective lifts or equipment to their local Fire and Rescue Service as soon as possible after detection if the fault cannot be fixed within 24 hours, and to record the outcome of checks and make them available to residents.

- Premises Information Boxes:

Install and maintain a secure information box in their building. This box must contain the name and contact details of the Responsible Person and hard copies of the building floor plans.

- Way-finding Signage:

To install signage visible in low light or smoky conditions that identifies flat and floor numbers in the stairwells of relevant buildings.

In residential buildings with storeys over 11 metres in height, responsible persons will be required to:

- Fire Doors:

Undertake annual checks of flat entrance doors and quarterly checks of all fire doors in the common parts.

In all multi-occupied residential buildings with two or more sets of domestic premises, responsible persons will be required to:

- Fire Safety Instructions: provide relevant fire safety instructions to their residents, which will include instructions on how to report a fire and any other instruction which sets out what a resident must do once a fire has occurred, based on the evacuation strategy for the building.

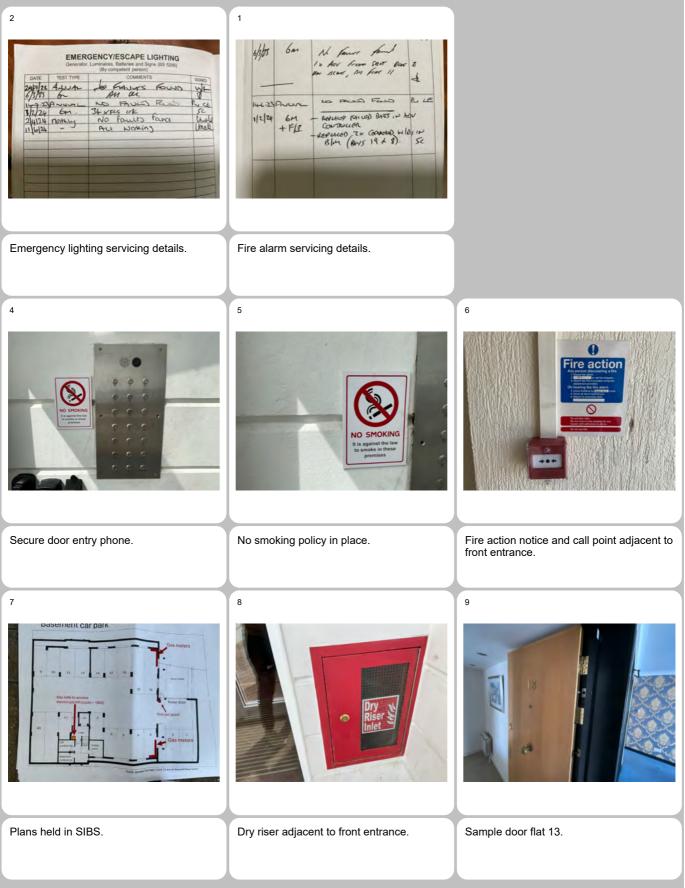
- Fire Door Information: provide residents with information relating to the importance of fire doors in fire safety.

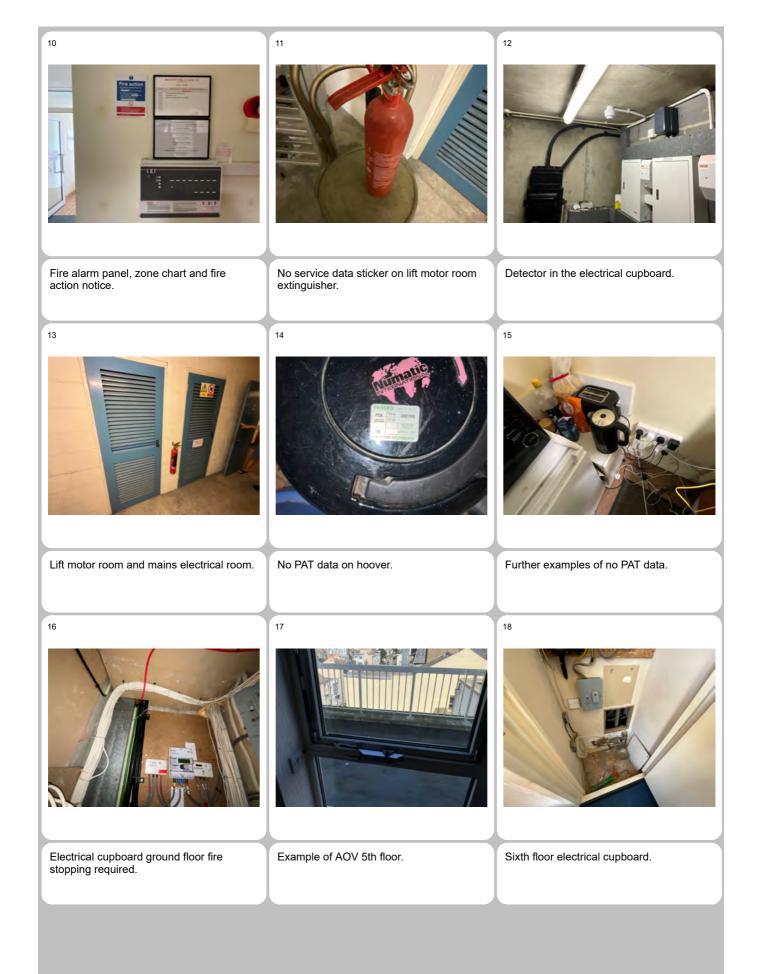
The content of the site information box (SIB) was inspected and there was clear annotated floor plans seen, however there did not seem to be any contact details for the responsible persons or other relevant stakeholders who may be able to assist the fire and rescue services. The information within the SIB should be regularly reviewed and updated accordingly.

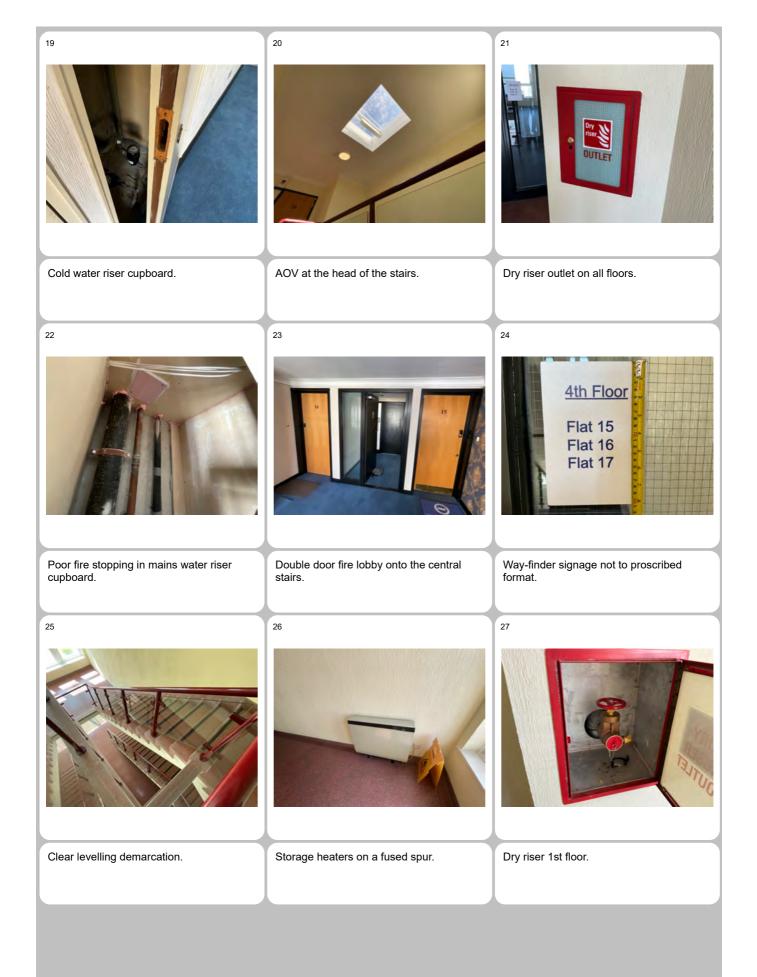
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7	The Fire action plan to main entrance would seem to indicate that the block adopts a simultaneous evacuation policy and it also still refers to using appliances provided, however, appliances are not provided this may cause a resident to waste time trying to locate an appliance instead of evacuating the building. The notice should be reviewed and change accordingly.	MEDIUM	6 Months	
8	There was seen to be an EV charger in car park area. It should be ensured that the unit and any associated equipment is subject to the required electrical safety checks in accordance with BS 7671:2018.	MEDIUM	6 Months	
9	In accordance with the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 all occupants must be routinely informed of the fire safety arrangements for the building including details of fire safety systems and appropriate actions to take in the event of discovering a fire or becoming aware of a fire within another part of the building.	MEDIUM	Ongoing	
10	An EICR was observed to have been completed in accordance with BS7671 within the property. Any non conformities recorded within the report must be addressed in accordance with the risk rating (classification code) within the scheduled time scales. All such work must only be completed by a competent person.	MEDIUM	Advisory	
11	In accordance with the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 all occupants must be routinely informed of the importance and function of fire doors within the property, their obligation not to interfere with their correct operation and to report any damage or failure to the Responsible Person.	MEDIUM	Ongoing	
12	The assessor was advised by one of the directors that they are due to carry out extensive fire door upgrade works. The existence of a communal only fire alarm and detection system, which could be heard in the flats, along with the fire action notice would seem to indicate the block has adopted a simulations evacuation policy. We would recommend that once all the works have been completed this policy be reviewed. The building is a purpose built block of flats and under current guidance has the potential to lend itself to a "Stay Put" policy, pending further inspection and review of the current fire safety systems.	LOW	Advisory	

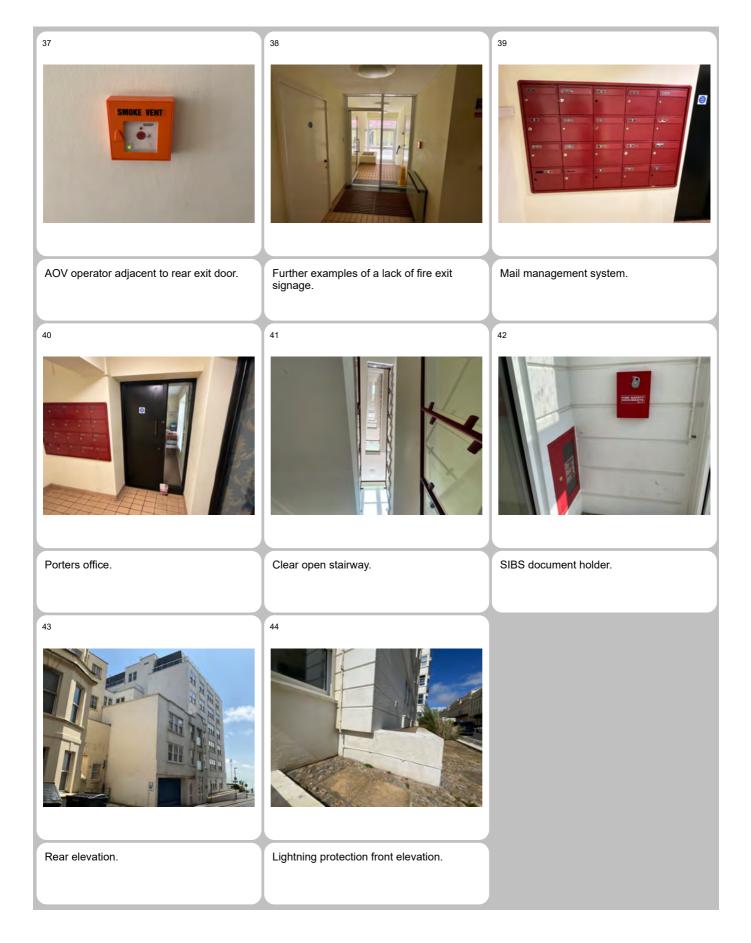
Photographs - Fire Safety Equipment & Records







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		FIREMANS EXPRESSION CONTROL
Ground floor lobby.	Mains water riser cupboard ground floor.	Fireman's control panel.
31	32	33
Gas meters in car park area.	Ventilation in undercroft parking area.	EV charger in car park area.
34	35	36
Manual override on car park shutter doors.	Call point adjacent to exit door.	Lack of fire exit signage in car park area.



Risk Rating						
Consequences of a fi	Consequences of a fire occurring					
	SLIGHT HARM	MODERATE HARM	EXTREME HARM			
LOW	TRIVIAL RISK	TOLERABLE RISK	MODERATE RISK			
MEDIUM	TOLERABLE RISK	MODERATE RISK	SUBSTANTIAL RISK			
			SUBSTANTIAL RISK			
HIGH	MODERATE RISK	SUBSTANTIAL RISK				
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TOLERABLE	No major additional controls required. However, there might be a need for improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
MODERATE	It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.
SUBSTANTIAL	Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the building is unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the building is occupied, urgent action should be taken.
INTOLERABLE	Building (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

Note that, although the purpose of this section is to place the fire risk in context, the above approach to fire risk assessment is subjective and for guidance only. All hazards and deficiencies identified in this report should be addressed or implemented.

DISCLAIMER: The type of assessment unless otherwise stated is referred to as a type 1 assessment which is non destructive and covers the shared common ways of the premises only. This is the basic minimum legal requirement under the Regulatory Reform Order 2005. Where possible the assessor will also inspect any service voids, lowered ceilings and loft spaces. Where access is not possible this will be commented upon, with possible further advice on action to be taken. Although the Regulatory Reform Order 2005 covers the shared common ways only, the flat entrance doors are also considered as part of the general fire precuations, and it will be normal for a sample door to be inspected as part of the assessment process. Where the assessor has concerns over fire stopping or the fire doors, a further intrusive survey may be recommended which will normally be charged as an additional expense and may require a re-visit.

This document should be kept in a safe place as it forms part of the legal procedure for ensuring that you have complied with the Order and taken all necessary steps to safequard the lives of all "relevant persons" as defined in the order as 'those persons affected by fire inside or near to a premises'. The purpose of the document is to provide an assessment of the risk to life from fire in these premises and where appropriate make recommendation to ensure compliance with fire safety legislation. This report does not primarily deal with the risk to the property or business continuity (where relevant) from fire unless specifically requested by the owner/ occupier. This Fire Risk assessment has been completed by one of our fully qualified consultants. It should be reviewed in accordance with the recommended time frames stated within the document by another fully competent person, as defined in the Regulatory Reform (Fire safety) Order 2005.

The assessor does not have any responsibility over the control or management of the premises; this is entirely down to the responsble person. Upon receiving this report the assessor bears no responsibility for acting upon any significant findings. The assessor neither has any resposibility with regards to the testing and ongoing maintenance of equipment.