

All Wales Social Housing Guidance



Mobility Scooters
Storage and charging
information

Scope of guidance



- ❧ Guidance on the storage of mobility scooters (managed and non-managed blocks)
- ❧ Guidance on the charging of mobility scooters
- ❧ Guidance on best practice
- ❧ Incidents of fire involving mobility scooters

Purpose of guidance



The purpose of this guidance is to provide information and guidance for the responsible person, to make an informed decision on the most appropriate way to comply with current legislation.

Definition & Classification



For this guidance the term Mobility Scooter will be used to cover both mobility scooters and mobility buggies (mobility scooters can be dismantled to fit in a vehicle while a buggy can't be dismantled).

Class 2 – max speed 4 mph and weigh up to 113.4kg

Class 3 – Max speed up to 8mph and weigh up to 150kg

Our guidance



Working with the three Welsh FRS we are aiming to have this guidance document ratified so it will become the first port of call for issues relating to mobility scooters.

This guidance document will also be passed to external organisations for their input.

Recommendations



Mobility Scooters:-

- ❧ Charged to manufacturer's instructions.
- ❧ Should be routinely serviced/inspected.
- ❧ Not stored in an area that is an escape route.
- ❧ Charging is to be prohibited in all communal areas.
- ❧ Clear information should be given to the tenants.

In flat storage



- ❧ The size/width of scooter.
- ❧ How do they get to the flat.
- ❧ The distance to the outside.
- ❧ Is there enough room in the flat for a scooter.
- ❧ The width of the corridors.
- ❧ Use of the lift to get to their floor.
- ❧ Thresholds to the entrance of the flat.

Internal store room



- ❧ Ventilation to comply with DSEAR.
- ❧ Automatic fire detection.
- ❧ Emergency lighting.
- ❧ Sprinklers - if fitted in complex.
- ❧ Bays marked on floor with enough room.
- ❧ Charging points.
- ❧ Monitor use of the room.

External Store rooms



- ❧ How many do you require.
- ❧ Can you get electricians to the sheds.
- ❧ Where are they to be sited.
- ❧ Arson issues.











