States of Guernsey
Building Control

**Building Control Guidance Note 15_ver2014/a**

# CONTROLLED PREMISES The Fire Services (Guernsey) Law, 1989 amended

***In some circumstances, the Building Regulations interact with other legislation that may impose further requirements in addition to those of the Regulations. With respect to fire safety (Part B), consideration must be given to the Fire Services Law section 4, in relation to Controlled Premises.***

## HEALTH CARE

**Use as, or as part of, an institution providing treatment or care for at least 10 persons.**

For example hospitals, nursing homes, residential care homes.

## PUBLIC PLACES

**Use for the purposes of, or for any purpose involving—**
**(i) entertainment or recreation;**
**(ii) any club, society or association;**
**(iii) teaching, training, or research;**
**(iv) access to the premises by members of the public, whether on payment or otherwise; or**
**(v) the sale of food and drink for immediate consumption.**

## TENTED ACCOMMODATION

**Use as, or as part of, a place which space is provided for tented or other temporary accommodation for at least 100 persons;**

For example any of the island's camp sites of one off festival sites

## ACCESS

**Use for the purpose of obtaining access to controlled premises**

A site that must be passed through to access a controlled premises

## SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION

**Use as, or for any purpose involving the provision of, sleeping accommodation for at least 10 persons; or**

**The building as a whole is used for, or for any purpose involving the provision of, sleeping accommodation for at least ten persons; or**

**Any part of the building below ground floor level or above first floor level is used as, or for any purpose involving the provision of, sleeping accommodation.**

**With the exception of single family dwellings,** this category applies to any building type where sleeping accommodation is provided.

## RETAIL

**Use as, or part of, a place—**
**(i) for the retail or wholesale trade;**
**(ii) to which the public are invited to resort for the purpose of delivering goods for repair or treatment, or for the purpose of hiring goods; or**
**(iii) for auctions,**
**Where the combined area of the sales floor and public floor is at least 200 square metres;**

Larger shops, builders merchants, hire centres, garden centres etc.

## WORK PLACES

**Use as, or part of, a place of work in which at least 10 persons are employed to work.**

Any building used as a place of work includes offices, shops, warehouses, industrial buildings and public services buildings—schools hospitals etc.

## FLAMMABLE STORAGE

**Use as, or as part of, a place in which are stored or used not less than-**
**(i) 1,000 litres of flammable liquid with a flash point below 21 degrees Celsius;**
**(ii) 3,000 litres of flammable liquid with a flash point of 21 degrees Celsius or above;**
**(iii) 250 kilograms of toxic or flammable gases (including liquefied gases); or**
**(iv) 25 kilograms of fireworks or pyrotechnics;**

The most obvious example being petrol forecourts

## CHILD CARE

**Use as, or as part of, a place in which child minding facilities are provided for at least 5 children;**

Dedicated businesses and crèche facilities provided for staff on site.


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A duty building control surveyor is normally available to provide general guidance at our Frossard House offices between 9am - 10.30am and 3pm - 5pm Monday to Thursday (4.30pm on Friday), during which telephone calls are welcome. Between 10.30am and 3pm, a request can be left with the reception staff, for the duty officer to return your call.

Please note, the duty building control surveyor is able to provide general guidance only. For site specific guidance, please contact the allocated officer.

Please be advised that this guidance note relates only to the situation with regard to Building Control and that separate planning permission may be required in respect of your proposal. You are advised to seek separate, appropriate advice with regard to the position under Planning and development should not be commenced until and unless all necessary statutory consents have been obtained.