



## **University Fire Safety Policy**

Trinity College Dublin has obligations under fire safety legislation to users of all buildings that we occupy or use and it is the policy of the University to comply with this legislation and any regulations or approved codes of practice made under this legislation and to conform, as far as is reasonably practicable, to best practice.

Trinity College Dublin further recognises that fire is potentially a major risk to the lives of its staff, students, residents and members of the public who visit the University premises. The loss of buildings and infrastructure due to fire also poses significant risks to the continuing research and teaching functions undertaken within the University. Trinity College Dublin will, therefore, ensure that fire safety is a priority in all areas under its control.

To achieve this, appropriate fire precautions shall be taken within all University buildings. The nature and extent of the University is such that no one person is capable of managing fire safety throughout the University on a day-to-day basis. The University has a system in place that assigns responsibility for the management of fire safety in buildings to the Head of Building. The designated Head of Building is responsible for ensuring that there is an adequate fire safety management system in place in their building.

Appropriate fire precautions would include the development, implementation and testing of fire evacuation procedures. All persons shall be provided with appropriate fire awareness training or instruction, and all buildings shall comply with relevant fire safety legislation and recognised good practice. Fire safety equipment shall be inspected, tested and maintained in an effective working condition and records maintained as per national standards and guidance.

Heads of Building and other responsible persons must ensure that the current policy guidance document 'University Fire Safety Policy Guidance' published by the University Safety Office is fully complied with. Any deviation from this policy guidance must be subject to a risk assessment and approved by the University Safety Office.

Approved by the College Board

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