

Things To Consider When Writing A Peep

When writing a PEEP with someone who has particular type of impairment, the provision of reasonable adjustments and the following information should be considered:

<p>MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT THINGS TO CONSIDER</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of handrails on escape routes; • Whether handrails are on one or both sides; • How far the distance of travel is on particular routes; • The provision and extent of fire compartments; • The provision and location of evacuation chairs; • The location of any lift that can be used in the event of a fire; • Availability of staff assistance.
<p>QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING AN INTERVIEW</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you walk unaided down the stairs? • How far can you walk unaided? • Can you walk down the stairs with some help? • If yes, what help do you require? • Can you get down the stairs any other way? • If so, how many flights can you manage? • Would this be increased where assistance was made available? • How many people would you need to assist you? • How many times might you need to stop to rest? • Would handrails be of use in assisting your evacuation? • Are there positions along the escape route where aids might assist you? • How might your mobility be worsened, e.g. by smoke, etc.? • Is your wheelchair powered, or manual? • Do you wish to be carried in your wheelchair? Impairment
<p>HEARING IMPAIRMENT THINGS TO CONSIDER</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual warning in the fire alarm system; • Telephone network- text-phone; • Vibrating pager; • Team member; • Fire wardens; • Appointed 'Buddy'
<p>QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING AN INTERVIEW</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will you be in the building out of hours? • Will you ever be alone in the building? • Can you discern the fire alarm throughout the building?

- Do you work as part of a team or in a group environment?
- Do you have a dedicated text number?
- Do you have an email address?
- To what extent do you move around the building?

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT THINGS TO CONSIDER

- The type of fire alarm system available;
- Marking of escape routes;
- Orientation information;
- If fire instructions are in accessible formats;
- Whether escape routes and stairs have step edge markings;
- Provision of handrails on the escape routes and stairs;
- Whether stairs have open risers;
- Whether there are external open escape routes.

QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING AN INTERVIEW

- Do you work alone in the building?
- Do you work out of hours?
- Are you aware of the positions of all of the escape routes?
- Can you use escape routes un-aided?
- *If no, what assistance do you need?*
- Do you work as part of a team or in a group environment?
- To what extent do you move around the building?
- Can you read the evacuation instructions?
- *If not, what format do you need them in?*

COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT THINGS TO CONSIDER

- The type of fire alarm system available;
- Marking of the escape routes;
- Orientation information;
- Fire instructions provided in accessible formats;
- Step edge markings on the escape stairs;
- Handrails on the escape stairs;
- The need for two speed traffic on the stair and whether the stairs are
- wide enough to allow this;
- If stair risers are open;
- Whether there are external open escape routes.

QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING AN INTERVIEW

- Do you work alone in the building?
- Do you work out of hours?
- Do you know what the fire alarm sounds like?
- When you hear the fire alarm do you know where to go?
- Do you work as part of a team or in a group environment?
- Do you work in the same place all the time?

- Do you use other parts of the building?
- Can you read the escape instructions? Do you understand them?