

We are currently carrying out the design of electrical services associated with new build blocks of student's accommodation under a design & build contract. The blocks comprise 10nr levels with, generally, each level containing 4nr dormitories. In general, each dormitory is made up of 6nr bedrooms arranged either side of a communal corridor with a communal kitchen located at the end (I have sketched a typical dormitory arrangement below). The dormitory corridor is totally internal with no ambient lighting available in the event of a loss of electrical supply.



The builder on the project has advised us that similar projects carried by them in England have not required emergency lighting within the dormitory corridors as the students occupying the facility will be familiar with this area. In these projects, emergency lighting has been installed within the communal stairs only.

We are uneasy with this interpretation and would be grateful for your thoughts and any guidance you could offer in relation to the Scottish Building Regulations and BS 5266.