

Evacuation Chair FAQs

How are Evacuation Chairs an essential part of fire safety?

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 places an obligation on those responsible for buildings to ensure that proper planning is undertaken to enable swift evacuation in the event of a fire. This is a legal obligation. Evacuation chairs can play a vital role in this planning, especially when the building may contain individuals with reduced mobility.

Are Evacuation Chairs only relevant in large buildings and spaces?

Not at all. Evacuation Chairs can be vitally important regardless of the building size. The legal obligation to undertake risk assessments and ensure adequate planning for fire evacuation applies to those responsible for all different types of building size. However, highly topical at the moment is 'Martyn's Law'. This legislation has an implementation period of two years from April 2025 and is aimed at public event venues of different sizes. The reasoning behind the legislation is to ensure adequate planning in the event of a terrorist attack and Evacuation Chairs as a part of suitable emergency evacuation protocols is a significant aspect of this law.

Who can operate an Evacuation Chair?

This will depend on the type of chair selected. At Fire and Safety Centre we provide full information on each product page. However, universally speaking, an operator must be adequately trained to allow for the smooth operation of any Evacuation Chair. Each chair comes with a User Guide but this is no substitute for training. Training options are provided at the point of purchase on each of our Evacuation Chair product pages. We also have the option on our website to purchase stand-alone training sessions without the chair itself.

Does my Evacuation Chair require servicing?

Yes. The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 require those responsible to ensure that Evacuation Chairs (a type of Class I Medical Device) are safe to use, properly maintained and installed correctly. Annual servicing and maintenance of your Evacuation Chair will allow for these regulations to be satisfied. At Fire and Safety Centre we can arrange this for you. Just give us a call on 01724 281044 to get it booked.



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