

The Requirement K1

This Approved Document, which takes effect on 1 January 1998, deals with the following requirement from part K of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 1991 as amended by the Building Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 1997.

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Limits on application</i>
Stairs, ladders and ramps K1. Stairs, ladders and ramps shall be so designed, constructed and installed as to be safe for people moving between different levels in or about the building	Requirement K1 applies only to stairs, ladders and ramps which form part of the building.

Where necessary reference should be made to Approved Document B: Fire Safety, and Approved Document M: Access and facilities for disabled people.

Note

Attention is drawn to the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992

Compliance with Building Regulation requirement K1 and, where appropriate requirement M2 where it relates to stairs and ramps would, in accordance with Section 23(3) of the Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974, prevent the service of an improvement notice with regard to the requirements of Regulation 17 of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 which relate to permanent stairs, ladders and ramps on pedestrian traffic routes within the workplace premises, including those used to give access for maintenance to parts of the workplace premises.