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# 1. Arrangements

### 1.1 Purpose

The University recognises its legal responsibility to take all reasonable precautions to prevent or control the risks to staff, students and visitors.

This policy defines the main health and safety duties and responsibilities for members of staff. It will state measures to be actioned in the event of snow and ice on campus, and what the University will do to ensure safe movement of people and vehicles.

# 1.2 Legislation, Codes of Practice and Guidance

The law requires that risks in the workplace are adequately managed under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (as amended).

### 1.3 Scope

This policy applies to all premises owned and or managed/operated by the University of Cumbria, without exception.

- Ambleside Campus
- Brampton Road Campus
- Citadels Campus (headlease)
- Fusehill Street Campus
- Lancaster Campus
- London Campus (within leased areas of responsibility)

These procedures do not apply to the following premises that are managed by others:

- Denton Holme student accommodation, Carlisle
- Energus Campus, Workington
- Furness College Campus, Barrow in Furness
- Milbourne Street, Carlisle

# 2. Management Procedures

# 2.1 Roles and Responsibilities

### 2.1.1 Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor of the University has overall responsibility to provide a safe working environment, ensuring compliance with the requirements of The Health and Safety at Work etc., Act 1974 and the requirements of this policy; In addition, has overall responsibility so far as is reasonably practical, provide and maintain "safe systems" of work for staff, students, members of the public, visitors and contractors in relation to workplace.

### 2.1.2 Chief Operating Officer / Directors / Heads of Department / Senior Managers

Each of the individuals above has a corporate responsibility to provide a safe working environment under Health and Safety Legislation. They are responsible for exercising the University's duty of care and shall ensure adequate arrangements are in place via their designated deputies for implementing this policy and associated 'safe systems of work' within their respective Professional Services Directorates or Academic Departments.

# 2.1.3 Head of Estates and Property

Assume the delegated responsibility of the Vice Chancellor.

# 2.1.4 Estates Operations Manager

Responsible for the delivery of Estates Services to meet the requirements of this policy.

### 2.1.5 Estates Managers

Responsible for ensuring that all campuses are kept clear of snow and ice and that workforce is directed as appropriate to ensure timely intervention.

#### 3. Principles

#### 3.1 Ambleside

Snow and ice are often a problem at the Ambleside campus. The level of action required should be proportional to the amount of snow and or ice on the ground. The local weather forecast should also be taken into consideration, and particularly the short to medium term temperature movement.

#### **Estates**

To avoid staining entrance areas / carpets etc. "smelt" should be used at the access points to buildings, with salt used elsewhere.

Smelt and Salt are kept in the estates store in Ambleside: Min stock 4 Drums of Smelt & 20 bags of Salt on the site. Grit bins are present across the main site and at the Halls of Residence on Rydal Road and Fell Court.

There are rock salt spreaders (manual and vehicular) available at Ambleside located in the Estates store.

### **Contracted Out Services**

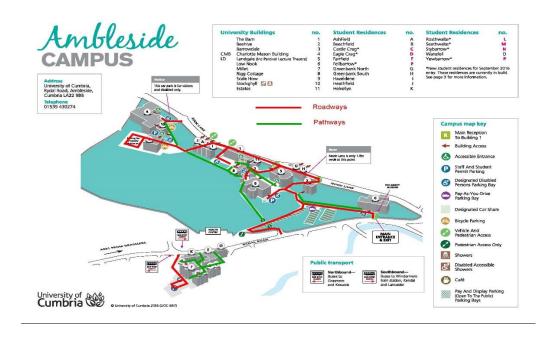
Estates have a service agreement with an external contractor to carry out salt spreading based on the weather forecast. The agreement allows for nightly visits to apply salt any night of the week. The timing of the visits may vary due to commitment at other premises and the surrounding area; however, it will occur before core activities on site. Salt is applied to all vehicular routes.

### Priority Areas for Salt Treatment (see map below)

Main vehicular and pedestrian access routes areas to the campus and buildings on site, plus any other sloping areas including the gated northern access route and slip road. Salt is applied to all vehicular routes.

# Including

- Access Paths and steps into and around the Barn and CMB
- Access Paths around the student halls on Rydal Road



#### 3.2 Carlisle (Fusehill Street and Brampton Road Campuses)

Snow and Ice can be a problem at the Carlisle campuses during the winter months. The level of action required should be proportional to the amount of snow and or ice on the ground. The local weather forecast should also be taken into consideration, and particularly the short to medium term temperature movement.

#### **Estates**

To avoid staining to entrance areas / carpets etc. "smelt" should be used at the access points to buildings, with salt used elsewhere.

Smelt and Salt are kept in the estates store on each site in Carlisle: Min stock 4 Drums of Smelt & 20 bags of Salt on the 2 main sites.

There are rock salt spreaders (manual and vehicular) available at both Fusehill Street and Brampton Road located in the Estates store.

### **Contracted Out Services**

Estates have a service agreement with an external contractor to carry out salt spreading based on the weather forecast. The agreement allows for nightly visits to apply salt any night of the week. The timing of the visits may vary due to commitment at other premises and the surrounding area; however, it will occur before core activities on site. Salt is applied to all vehicular routes.

# Priority Areas for Salt Treatment (see maps below)

**Priority 1**: Main vehicular and pedestrian access routes \ areas on the campus and other sloping areas, carried out by Contractor.

- Main entrance to the campuses and all vehicle accessible routes
- Pay and display car park path to main car park.
- Pedestrian access and egress points to main the car parks.
- Pathways to halls of residence

Priority 2: Remaining Steps, Ramps and Building Entrances carried out by Estates staff.

Start time 08:15 expected completion time 12:00

All building entrance ramps and steps

**Priority 3:** Any other vehicular areas and pedestrian areas.

Start time 12:00 and completed by the following day.





#### 3.3 Lancaster

Snow is seldom a problem at the Lancaster campus during the winter months, however, ice can be an issue. The action required should be proportional to the amount of snow and or ice on the ground. The local weather forecast should also be taken into consideration, and particularly the short to medium term temperature movement.

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**Priority 1**: Main vehicular and pedestrian access routes \ areas on the campus and other sloping areas, carried out by Contractor.

- Bishops Walk and pavement leading to Reception and turning circle.
- Pay and display car park path to main car park.
- Pay and Display car park to sports centre.
- Pedestrian access and egress points to main the car parks.
- Path from Waddell to Dalton.

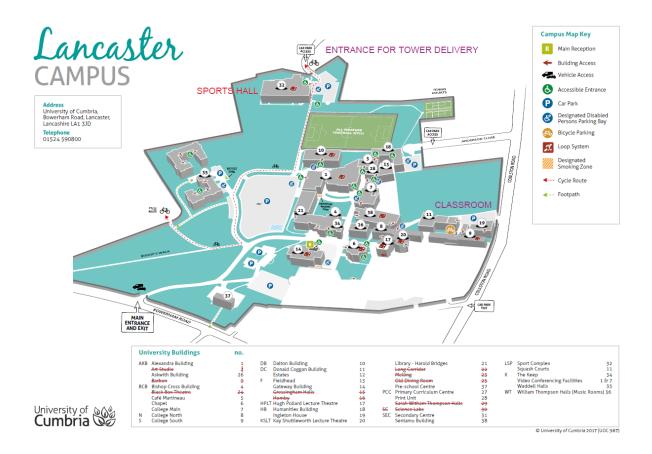
Priority 2: Remaining Steps, Ramps and Building Entrances, carried out by Estates staff.

Start time 08:15 expected completion time 12:00

All building entrance ramps and steps

**Priority 3**: Any other vehicular and pedestrian areas.

Start time 12:00 expected completion the same day into the following day.



# 4. Contact Details

For further information regarding any of the issues covered by this policy please contact:

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