



# The Law Society Building Accessibility Guide

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# General access

The Law Society is committed to being open and accessible for everyone. This guide provides information about accessible facilities in 113 Chancery Lane.

Front of house staff are on hand to assist and can also provide help with the lifts and directions. Before events, our teams will gather information about those attending events in relation to any disability and accessibility issues with guests.

# Photo: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL, main visitor entrance



**Enquiry line:** +44 (0) 20 7242 1222 - available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays)

**Event enquiry:** +44 (0) 20 7320 9555 - available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

#### Helpdesk@lawsociety.org.uk

## Accessible parking

There is no parking outside the Law Society from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday. Visitors can be dropped off or picked up from outside the main entrance.

More information about local parking can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Badge-holder parking

There are two badge-holder parking spaces at the junction of Chancery Lane and <u>Southampton Buildings</u>.

The <u>national Blue Badge</u> scheme does not apply in Westminster due to traffic congestion and the high demand for parking in central London. Visit <u>City of London</u> for more information.

# Cleaning

We have enhanced cleaning regimes throughout the building, which pay particular attention to high-touch points such as lift buttons and handrails.

Hand sanitising stations are also located throughout the building.

For any further information regarding specific requirements, for example: air quality/filtration and hygiene practices, please contact: <u>TLS-Helpdesk@lawsociety.org.uk</u>

## **Emergency evacuation**

In the event of an emergency evacuation, event staff and fire marshals are always on hand to assist.

We also encourage visitors who may need additional assistance regarding evacuating our building to contact our staff using the details above.

# Getting around The Law Society

#### Doors

The majority of doors used by visitors will be open or power assisted. There will also be staff on hand to assist with access through doors.

#### Stairs

The main entrance stairs have colour contrasting anti-slip tread. All other stairs do not have colour contrasting anti-slip tread. Most of the stairs around the Law Society have a handrail or banister.

#### Lifts

There is a lift next to the front entrance on 113 Chancery Lane to take visitors with mobility access requirements from street level to the reception area. Press the button to call the lift.

All lifts at the Law Society are wheelchair accessible, have audio announcements and Braille labelling on the buttons. Please ask a member of staff for locations and assistance.

Removable ramps provide access from the lobby to the Presidents Lift leading to meeting and event rooms on the first and second floor as well as to the David Lloyd George Room.



Entrance to accessible external lift from Chancery Lane road level



Accessible external lift

## Common Room

The Common Room is on the first floor. It can be accessed via the lift from the entrance hall. Turn sharp right when you exit the lift and go through the door to the main staircase. The Common Room is straight ahead.

Access may not be suitable for some power-operated wheelchairs, dependent on the wheelchair's dimensions. Please contact us using the details above for further Information.

## Library

Our library is on the first floor. It can be accessed by the lift from the entrance hall. Let our reception staff know if you need lift access to the library.

Access may not be suitable for some power-operated wheelchairs, dependent on the wheelchair's dimensions. Please contact us using the details above for further Information.

#### Photo: front hall lift- Ground floor level



# Toilets and baby changing

Accessible toilets are available on all levels of the Law Society. Please ask a member of staff for locations.

We offer male and female toilets in the following locations in the Basement level: bottom of president's stairs.

In addition to gender specific toilets, we also offer all-gender toilets, available in the following areas:

- ground floor level, in the Front Entrance Hall
- second floor level, opposite Front Hall lift

Accessible baby changing facilities are available in the following areas:

- ground floor: Front Entrance Hall
- second floor: opposite Front Hall lift

## Photo: accessible toilet



# Photo: accessible toilet sign



# Photo: baby changing facilities





# Accessible resources

## Hearing loops

Hearing loops are fitted in all function rooms for people with hearing requirements. Switch your hearing aid to the 'T' frequency.

#### Borrow a wheelchair

We have two wheelchairs which can use for guests to use while in the Law Society. Please contact the front of house staff for further information regarding the specification of these wheelchairs.

### Guide and assistant animals

Working guide and assistance animals are welcome at the Law Society. They should be appropriately trained, always supervised and kept with you, ideally on a leash.

## Contemplation and Prayer Room

Visitors can use the Contemplation and Prayer room.

This room may be suitable for those wanting to pray, who require a quiet room with less stimulation and/or would like to breastfeed a child in a private space.

For further information about this please contact the front of house staff. Visitors can also contact our front of house staff regarding quiet zones around the building.

#### **Photo: Contemplation room**



#### **Photo: Prayer room**

