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Prohibition on bringing bicycles into University buildings

This circular is being issued in the light of concerns over the safety implications arising from bringing bicycles into the University's buildings. This issue periodically re-surfaces and it should be noted that the University's policy on this, continues to be supported by the University Safety Committee.

The bringing of bicycles into University buildings is considered to be a breach of the University's health and safety rules and is therefore prohibited. The reason for this is that this practice inevitably leads to the creation of obstructions, either within work areas or along routes comprising a means of escape from the building.

Furthermore, the Estate Office continues to improve the level of cycle parking provision. This includes both the standard and quantity of cycle stands which provide a secure anchorage when used in conjunction with the high quality locks which are now available.

In addition to the safety implications mentioned above, it will also be appreciated that the bringing of bicycles into the buildings may result in additional wear and tear, or even damage, to the buildings' fixtures, fittings and flooring, and could also create an unfavourable impression upon visitors.