

POLICY FOR TRANSPORTING CHEMICALS AND GAS CYLINDERS IN PASSENGER LIFTS

When transporting chemicals/gas cylinders in the lift please be aware at all times of health and safety. While the lifts have adequate ventilation it is reduced comparative to a goods lift.

Anyone concerned about taking any particular chemical into the lift should discuss it with their academic supervisor.

- Lift use for transporting chemicals/gas cylinders to be limited between 9am to 11am and 2pm to 4pm. This avoids the lift being used during peak passenger times.
- Sign boards are available and should be used to show that you are transporting hazardous goods. While chemicals/ gas cylinders are being transported no other passengers are allowed in the lift. If the lift stops at a floor where other passengers are waiting to use the lift, please refer them to the notice outside the lift explaining why the lift is not available to them.
- More than one person accompanying chemicals/gas cylinders may be in the lift at any one time, as long as there is sufficient space to ensure that there is no chance of bumping into each other /into the chemicals/gas cylinders.
- Chemicals/cylinders must be transported in appropriate containers, and must be securely closed at all times.
- It is essential that Dewars of cryogenic material are transported unaccompanied in the passenger lifts. This is because any evaporation of cryogen from the Dewar will displace air from the lift leading to rapid asphyxiation and death. Before sending the Dewar unaccompanied ensure supplied signage is placed on the Dewar warning other lift users not to enter the lift with the Dewar; and another person is waiting to meet the lift at its destination.
- While chemicals/ gas cylinders are being transported all people in the lift should be wearing lab coats and safety glasses.
- Please be cautious as you exit the lift, as there may be people milling around the lift area.
- Please check notices outside the lifts for any changes to this policy.