King's Buildings House

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A GUIDE TO ACCESS AND FACILITIES

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Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan

A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) is required for all staff and students unable to self-evacuate in an emergency. Provision for staff/students/visitors who are unable to self-evacuate is the responsibility of the organiser of the class/lecture/event/meeting. While the School is responsible for preparing this, staff and students requiring assistance should confirm the evacuation arrangements."
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Introduction

King’s Buildings House is one of the University’s student unions, located within the King’s Buildings campus.

It houses a café and study space as well as the KB gym.

The sports facilities include:

- Two squash courts
- Two badminton courts
- A weights room
- Exercise and relaxation classes

Location

King’s Buildings House (KB House) is located within Edinburgh University’s King’s Buildings campus; this campus is well served by public transport and is accessible by car. The building is within two miles of the city centre and two miles of the main halls of residence at Pollock Halls. The campus lies between West Mains Road and Mayfield Road, about one mile south of George Square.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the city Centre.

The nearest bus stops are located on West Mains Road approximately 180 metres from King’s Buildings House. Numerous bus services stop on West Mains Road. Details of timetables are available from Lothian Buses, from their offices within the city and online from www.mybustracker.co.uk

Persons with mobility difficulties arriving by vehicle can access KB House from Gate 2 which is located on West Mains Road.
King’s Buildings House Location Map

Key

- KB HOUSE
- Grant Institute
- KB Centre
- University Shuttle Bus Stop
- Public Transport Bus Stop
- Vehicle Access Routes Local to the KB House Building
- Traffic Barrier
- University Parking (Permit)
- Disabled Parking Bays (Permit)
- Pedestrian Area
- Main Entrance Access Point (Level)
Parking

The King’s Buildings Campus has numerous parking bays but no free parking; all parking bays within the campus require a permit. City of Edinburgh Council parking is available outwith the campus on West Mains Road and the adjacent Langton Road. See Location Map

There are currently no dropped kerbs leading from parking bays located along West Mains Road. Access from these parking bays to the campus is not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance.

Disabled Parking Bays

There are two disabled parking bays located close to the KB House Building.

The first disabled parking bay is located to the front of the building within the KB House car park. This bay is located on a level tarmac surface and is within 25 metres of Entrance 1.

There is a second disabled parking bay located to the front of the Grant Institute Building on a level tarmac surface. Please note that the access route from the Grant Institute is not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance.

University Parking

There is ample University parking located to the front of King’s Buildings House and there is an additional car park to the front of the Grant Institute Building. Both car parks have a level tarmac surface and incorporate disabled parking facilities. There are additional University car parks located within close proximity to the building and throughout the King’s Buildings Campus. See Location Map

If you do not hold a valid permit and require use of a University parking bay, it is recommended that contact is made with your host or the Transport & Parking Office prior to making your journey. See Contact Information for more details
Outside Access

There is one entrance to KB House.

Entrance 1

This entrance is located to the front of the building on a level paved surface. Entrance 1 provides access to the Ground Floor lobby.

Entrance 1 consists of a set of glazed double doors. These doors lead to a vestibule area and a second set of timber double doors. All doors open outward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at a wheelchair accessible height.

Internal Access

There is level access to all floors of KB House and ample manoeuvring space throughout the building. All corridors incorporate wide doors with door handles at a wheelchair accessible height.

Access to the Gym/ Squash Courts

Access to the gym / squash courts is only possible via the changing rooms located on the Ground Floor. The access point leading from the changing rooms consists of a narrow timber door and a flight of stone steps. There is currently no level access to these facilities.

The EUSA Shop

The EUSA Shop is located on the Ground Floor close to Entrance 1.

The shop is accessible via a single width timber door from the Entrance 1 vestibule and from the main lobby. These doors open inward, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at a wheelchair accessible height. There is a counter located to the rear of the shop which is approachable by wheelchair users.
**The Mayfield Bar**

The Mayfield Bar is located on the Ground Floor adjacent to the reception. Access to the Mayfield Bar is via a set of wide double doors which open inward and incorporate door handles at a wheelchair accessible height.

There is ample circulation space and seating located throughout the bar. There is a servery counter located to the side of the room which is approachable by wheelchair users.

![The Mayfield Bar room layout](image)

**The Blackford Lounge**

The Blackford Lounge is located on the Ground Floor within close proximity to the reception. Access to the lounge from the main lobby is via a set of wide double doors and an additional wide single door. All doors open inward, incorporate door handles at an accessible height and will permit the passage of a wheelchair.

There is ample circulation space and seating located throughout the lounge. Please note that the bar located to the side of the room is above the recommended wheelchair accessible height.

![The Blackford Lounge](image)
The Pi in the Sky Café

The Pi in the Sky Café is located on the First Floor and can be accessed via a flight of steps from the First Floor Mezzanine or the internal lifts. Please note that there is a second door to the rear of the lift which provides access to the Cafe.

There is ample circulation space and seating located throughout the cafe. Doors within the café are held open throughout normal building opening ours to promote ease of access. There is a servery located to the rear of the café which is approachable by wheelchair users.

Reception

The KB House reception is located within the main lobby adjacent to Entrance 1. The reception incorporates a desk at a wheelchair accessible height but does not incorporate an induction loop system.
Lifts

There are two lifts located within KB House which serve all floors. One lift is located within the kitchen and is for staff use only.

The lift call points and car controls are at an accessible height.

- The lift car controls are within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user.
- The control panels have braille markings.
- The lift has an alarm and emergency disabled call point.
- There is contrast between the lift wall and floor surfaces.
- There is no induction loop system.
- There is an audible announcer.
- The lift has a mirror on the side wall.
- The lift car interior has handrails.
- There is no a visual floor indicator.
- The lighting level in the lift is good.
- Lift doors have pressure sensors.

Stairs

There are two staircases located to the front of KB House. There are also two fire escape staircases located to the rear of the building.

Staircases to the front of the building are of stone construction and are located on either side of the main lobby. There is an additional flight of steps which lead from the Mezzanine Floor to the Pi in the Sky Café. All staircases incorporate contrasting nosings on steps and handrails to one or both sides.
Toilets

Toilets are available on floors as follows:

- Standard Male and Female toilets are located on the Ground Floor.
- Accessible toilets are located on the Ground and Mezzanine Floors.

The accessible toilets incorporate the following:

- There is left hand lateral transfer space on the Ground Floor and right hand on the First Floor.
- There is limited manoeuvring space on the Ground Floor.
- There are no emergency pull chords.
- The door opens outwards.
- The width of the accessible toilet door is suitable for wheelchairs.
- There are suitable dropdown and support rails for transfer.
- The tap type is lever operation.
- There are coat hooks.
- The contrast between the grab rails and wall is poor.
- The contrast between the walls and floor is good.
- Lighting levels are good.
- The Ground Floor accessible toilet incorporates a shower.
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- **First Floor:** Toilets, Badminton Hall, Curle Room, Meeting Room, Pi in the Sky
- **Ground Floor:** The Mayfield Bar, The Blackford Lounge, Reception, Squash Courts & Gym, EUSA Shop
## Opening Hours

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transport@ed.ac.uk

University Switchboard:
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Links

- Bookable Rooms Guides
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