

Safeguard Glass Co.



Safety Glazing / Regulation 14

Introduction

Since 1996, Regulation 14 of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 has made the requirement for safety glazing in accordance with BS 6262 mandatory and retrospective.

Since 1975 the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSWA) has required employers, the self employed and certain people who have control over workplaces to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of anyone who may be affected by their work activities. So if glazing constitutes a risk, reasonably practicable measures need to be taken to deal with it.

What Regulation 14 requires

The Regulation requires that every window or other transparent or translucent surface in a wall, partition, door or gate should, where necessary for reasons of health or safety, be of a safety material or be protected against breakage of the transparent or translucent material; and be appropriately marked or incorporate features to make it apparent.

Critical Locations for Safety Glazing

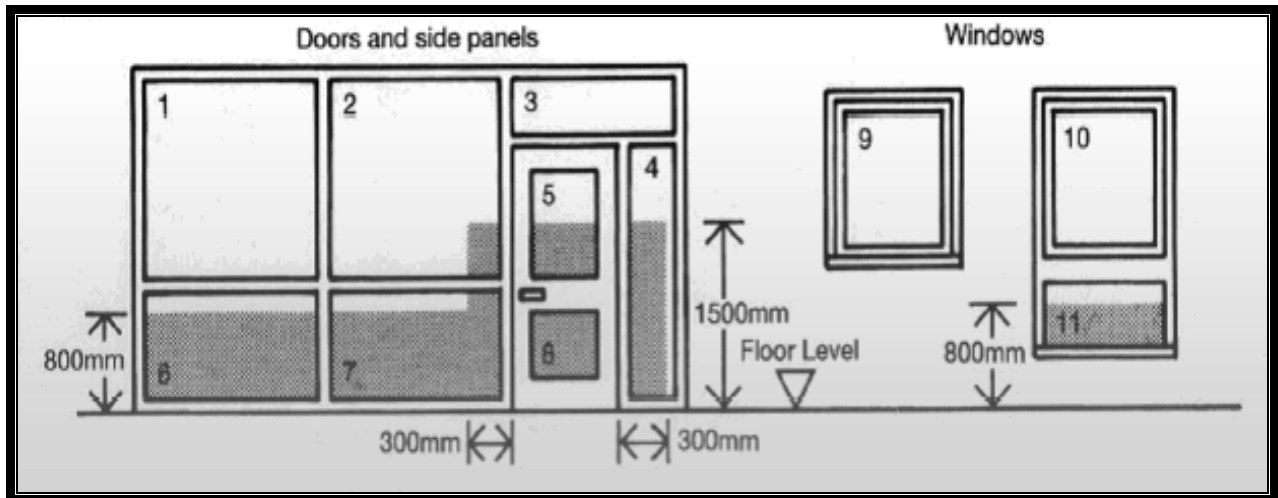
British Standard BS 6262: Part 4: 2005 and Section N1 of Approved Document N (Glazing – safety in relation to impact, opening and cleaning) of the Building Regulations requires that all glazing fitted in ‘critical locations’ in a building should either: -

- a) If broken on impact, break in a way which is unlikely to cause injury or
- b) Resist impact without breaking
- c) Be shielded or protected from impact

Workplace Health, Safety & Welfare Approved Code of Practice L24 Regulation 14, also incorporated in Building Regulation BS 6262: Part 4 Safety, Human Impact, is now a Legal Requirement.

Critical Location Diagram

The diagram below details 'critical locations' in internal and external walls as defined by BS 6262 and Section N1 of Approved Document N of the Building Regulations.



Key: 2, 4, 5, 7 & 8 Doors & Glazing adjacent to doors – Safety Glazing
6 & 11 Low Level Glazing – Safety Glazing
1, 3, 9 & 10 Safety Glass is not a requirement here.

Notes:

The finished floor level would be taken from the top of any floor furnishings that may or may not be in place at the time of the survey.

Best Practice – The critical locations set out above for the positioning of safety glazing are the minimum requirements. In certain circumstances i.e. areas of *special risk* for example Schools, Colleges, Gymnasiums, Sports Halls etc. it would be advantageous to install safety-glazing material in all glass panes.

Safeguard Glass Co. can provide a full and unbiased Regulation 14 survey to any of your properties, our report will identify all glass that falls within the parameters of this law and will subsequently be tested to identify the glass type of every pane of glass within your building(s) that require upgrading and any glass that needs to be made apparent for DDA Regulations.

Installing Safeguard Safety Film to these panes of glass and applying the correct EN12600 marking will provide you with the satisfaction of knowing that your glass is safe and meets all the legislation.

Upgrade your glass to the standard required at a fraction of the cost of replacement glazing

A full range of Clear, Tinted, Solar Rejecting & Patterned films available.

Protect your property and personnel with Safeguard