

POLICY 1.32 – Building Corridor Policy

Policy Category: General

Subject: Building Corridor Policy

Approving Authority: President

Responsible Officer(s): Vice-President (Operations & Finance)

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Related Procedures: <u>Procedures for Building Corridor Policy</u>

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The University of Western Ontario has a commitment to students, faculty members, staff, and visitors to provide safe egress in all buildings on campus. The University supports a safe working and learning environment, and prohibits storage or the installation of anything in all exit ways.

- 1.0 The Ontario Fire Code directs that no means of egress may be obstructed, blocked, reduced, or otherwise impeded by any object, article, or equipment not included in the original design of the building.
- 2.0 Faculties, departments, and budget units are responsible for their own equipment, as well as shared equipment, that is located in corridors. They must also monitor the condition of corridors used by their staff during day to day operations to ensure that possible obstructions are dealt with proactively, and are removed in accordance with this policy. Appropriate funds to maintain clear corridors must be included in each group's budget planning cycle.
- 3.0 Any infractions noted during regular inspections by the Department of Occupational Health and Safety or Fire Safety will be reported to the Dean, Department Head, or Leader, of the responsible group.