

## Glazing

### School Advice Note

1. The schools glazing must comply with the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992. The potential risk areas are as follows:
  - 1.1. Glazed doors and door side panels that may be mistaken for doors.
  - 1.2. Low level glazing which is within 800mm of floor ground level.
  - 1.3. Glazing between 800mm and 1500mm of floor or ground level where there is a special risk of personal damage. Examples of this could be shower rooms, playgrounds, hallways etc.
  - 1.4. Balustrades (rail around landings).
  - 1.5. High level glass adjacent to playgrounds, sports fields etc.
2. If glazing in these areas does present a risk, there are four possible options that can be taken:
  - 2.1. The glass is replaced with a different material (i.e. insulating panel or plywood).
  - 2.2. Some form of barrier is fixed to prevent contact with the glass surface. This could be fixed rails, planting, and furniture.
  - 2.3. The glass is replaced with safety glass.
  - 2.4. A plastic film is applied to the existing glass, with anti-shatter characteristics to BS6206.
3. Safety films that can be used in this process have a life span in the region of 10-15 years.
4. Further advice can be found in the following publication:
  - 4.1. Southampton City Council [Safe Working Procedure – Workplace Health, Safety and Welfare.](#)