

# Emergency access

- Developments should be designed so that there is no requirement for “emergency vehicle only” links. These are difficult to enforce and physical barriers can cause delays.
- Developers are required to consult with the Police, Fire and Ambulance services during the design and planning stages, particularly where there are designs which limit access for emergency vehicles to any part of the development.

Consideration	Minimum requirement
Access to residential buildings	45m maximum distance from all doors on the ground floor of any building
Private drives	<p>Whilst a width of 2.75m can accommodate a moving fire tender, this prohibits passing pedestrians. A private drive should therefore be a minimum width of 3.5m unless alternative pedestrian / cycle access is available.</p> <p>A width of 3.7m is required to allow fire teams to operate the machinery on the fire vehicle.</p>
Headroom Clearance	4.0m minimum



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