

## Swansea University Residential Services Policy: Snow and Ice Management Policy

### 1. Purpose

The University is committed to maintaining an uninterrupted service for all students throughout the year across teaching and residential buildings. This policy outlines the University's approach to managing snow and ice to ensure the continuity of services while prioritising the safety of staff, students, and visitors.

### 2. Policy Statement

The University will make all reasonable efforts to maintain accessibility and safety during periods of extreme ice and snow, within the constraints of available resources. The following measures will be implemented to mitigate the impact of adverse weather conditions:

### 3. Preventative Measures

- The University will apply salt/grit to primary vehicle access routes onto campus in anticipation of ice or snow to prevent hazardous conditions from developing.
- A contracted service, [Countrywide Grounds](#), will be utilised to enhance the gritting and snow clearance process to ensure effective management of winter conditions.

### 4. Snow and Ice Clearance

- The University will endeavour to maintain safe passage through main external pedestrian and vehicle routes as far as practicable within its resources. (See City Campus and Coach Lane Campus plans.)
- Snow and ice removal efforts will focus on key areas, including:
  - City Campus East North Car Park and Coach Lane East Car Park, within resource availability.
  - Building entrances, steps, and the most heavily used pedestrian routes.
- Additional actions will be taken to mitigate hazards arising from unsafe conditions, such as the risk of snow or ice falling from roofs.

### 5. Responsibilities of Staff, Students, and Visitors

- Staff, students, and visitors are expected to exercise due caution and take personal responsibility for their own safety during adverse weather conditions.

## 6. Major Incident Plan

- In the event of prolonged snow or freezing conditions that result in a loss of essential services (electricity, water, or gas) or a complete lack of safe travel opportunities, the University's Major Incident Plan may be activated.

## 7. Review and Compliance

- This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with operational capabilities and safety standards.

By adhering to this policy, the University aims to minimise disruptions caused by adverse weather while ensuring the well-being of the University community.