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| **D1 – D33** | **Description** | **Access rating** | **Priority rating** | **Notes** |
| D1 | Is the location of any steps/stairs/ramps clearly indicated by use of signs/colour/contrast/texture lighting? |  |  | Floor numbers can be on the wall as would be expected; there is also a benefit in putting a Braille sign with the floor number above the handrail as you reach the bottom of a flight. This makes it much easier for visually impaired and blind people to find the floor number and evacuate independently. |
| D2 | Do any steps/stairs/ramps have a handrail to one/both side(s), and do they extend 300mm beyond the top and bottom of any flight? |  |  |  |
| D3 | Do stairwells have markers to identify when a person is at the bottom of a run of stairs? |  |  | These can come in different formats and are usually indicators on the handrails to indicate someone with a visual impairment/blind has reached the top or bottom of a flight of stairs. These can be as simple as little peel off/glued blips that are stuck to the bottom of the handrail.  |
| D4 | Are any level areas between flights or at the top/bottom of stairwells clearly lit? |  |  |  |
| D5 | Are the risers and treads of step/stairs consistent, and are step nosings clearly identifiable through colour change? |  |  | See section 1 - A17. Additionally, consider checking the type and depth of step to ensure evac chairs can be used where relevant |
| D6 | If there are landings are they large enough to permit passing and turning manoeuvres, and are they provided in any long flight? |  |  | Consider a range of users and potentially supporting people/dogs, plus people needing to evacuate using an evac chair. |
| D7 | Is any short rise within a single storey ramped; if so, is the ramped surface indicated, and is it slip-resistant? |  |  | Range length 3m max = 1 in 12 gradient. Ramps should look at having the least gradient possible, aim for 1 in 20 and work backwards from this gradient. |
| D8 | Are all ramp gradients easily negotiated?  |  |  | As above |
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| D9 | If a permanent ramp cannot be provided (perhaps in a listed building) can a moveable ramp be made available? |  |  | As above |
| D10 | Are steps available as an alternative to any ramp or ramped surface? |  |  | Some people may find using steps easier than a ramp. |
| D11 | Where level change is less than a full storey in height is a power-operated lift appropriate? |  |  |  |

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|  | **Platform lifts** |  |  |  |
| D12 | Are the controls at both levels and within the lift identifiable, and reachable from sitting and standing levels, and have a handrail for people with limited balance? Is audio/visual information available for blind people? |  |  | Controls to call the lift should be around 900mm from the ground, same as internal controls which should also have tactile markings so blind people know what button they are pressing. Is there audible and visual information regarding the floor people are on? Is there a handrail for people with limited balance? |
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| D13 | Is the platform suitable for different types of wheelchair users, and can wheelchair users manoeuvre onto the lift? |  |  | Consider how using the lift can be made independent rather than having to ask people for assistance or a key to use. |
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| D14 | In the event of a power failure does the platform return to lower level?  |  |  |  |
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| D15 | Is the equipment maintained and its operation checked regularly? |  |  |  |
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|  | **Stairlifts** |  |  | As above |
| D16 | Are the controls at all levels identifiable, and reachable from sitting and standing levels? |  |  |  |
| D17 | Is the platform adequate for wheelchair use and manoeuvre? |  |  |  |
| D18 | Is the approach convenient and safe at all appropriate landings?   |  |  |  |
| D19 | Does the stairlift have a ‘soft-start’ action?  |  |  |  |
| D20 | When not in use is the platform powered to fold away to avoid obstruction? |  |  |  |
| D21 | In the event of a power failure does the platform return to lower level? |  |  |  |
| D22 | Is the equipment maintained and its operation checked regularly?  |  |  |  |
|  | **Lift** |  |  |  |
| D23 | Is the lift's location clearly defined by visual and tactile information? |  |  |  |
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| D24 | Are controls at all floors visible, identifiable and  |  |  |  |
|  | reachable from sitting and standing levels? |  |  | See above |
| D25 | Is there adequate, unobstructed space at each floor lift entry for wheelchair manoeuvre? |  |  |  |
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| D26 | Does the lift door open widely enough for wheelchair user access? |  |  |  |
| D27 | Does door operation allow slow entry and exit? |  |  |  |
| D28 | Do the lift car internal dimensions allow sufficient space for a wheelchair user and PA? |  |  | Minimum 1100mm wide x 1400mm deep |
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| D29 | Does the car have appropriate support rails? |  |  |  |
| D30 | Are the lift car controls, including emergency call, located within reach of all users and with visual and tactile information? |  |  |  |
| D31 | Is there audible floor indication? |  |  |  |
| D32 | Is the lift an 'evacuation lift?  |  |  |  |
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| D33 | Is the lift regularly maintained and its functional operation routinely checked?  |  |  |  |

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| **Action** | **Date** | **Owner** |
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