

Safespaces[®] in Schools

safe chill-out space in the busy classroom

Hillside Autistic Spectrum Specialist School, Preston has 4 Safespaces.

"We couldn't live without ours. It's a safe environment where we can take our pupils and know they will be safe in there. It is indispensable!"

- a safe room system for those with challenging behaviour and/or little awareness of safety
- beneficial for children with autism, epilepsy, challenging behaviour, self-harming behaviour and other profound multiple learning disabilities
- used in schools around the country as safe area within the classroom, a chill-out room, sensory room, or bedroom in a residential setting

Photographs shown show a Safespace at Hillside School they have had since 2003.

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In its simplest form a Safespace provides a low sensory area for pupils to calm down or have quiet time from a busy classroom. Staff can take pupils displaying challenging behaviour to this area, reducing disruption, and helping prevent injury to others and to the pupil themselves. This reduces the need for manual 'holding' whilst a pupil is in distress.

Pupils can also use the Safespace as a means of managing their own behaviour. They are able to request time out when they themselves recognise they need it. We can report that this need seems to reduce over time and in some cases has enabled pupils to drastically reduce their own challenging behaviour.

Safespaces are also used as one to one therapy spaces and as safe areas to experience sensory equipment. All Safespaces are custom made, and can be multipurpose by inserting viewing panels with Removable Blinds. We also make Soft Play shapes and furniture that are suitable for use inside the Safespace.

Many schools have chosen a Safespace instead of room padding. No building work is required, therefore it minimises initial outlay costs. A Safespace can be moved within school, enabling flexible use of space and allowing the Safespace to be moved to where it is most needed, for example when a pupil moves to a new classroom.

What is a Safespace?

A Safespace is made with industrial strength pvc walls suspended taught on a padded steel frame. It can fill the whole of a small room or part of a larger room. It is positioned 25cm away from walls, and the pvc walls flex out on impact. With an integral soft padded floor, this creates a complete space with no hard surfaces. Soft zip doors and clear pvc window panels create a pleasant, open environment, and facilities such as radiators, lighting and windows can still be used and enjoyed.

For further details visit our website www.safespaces.co.uk, including Films with a case study from a Special School in Burnley.



For a written quote and design please complete and return the form opposite.
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Quote Options for Schools

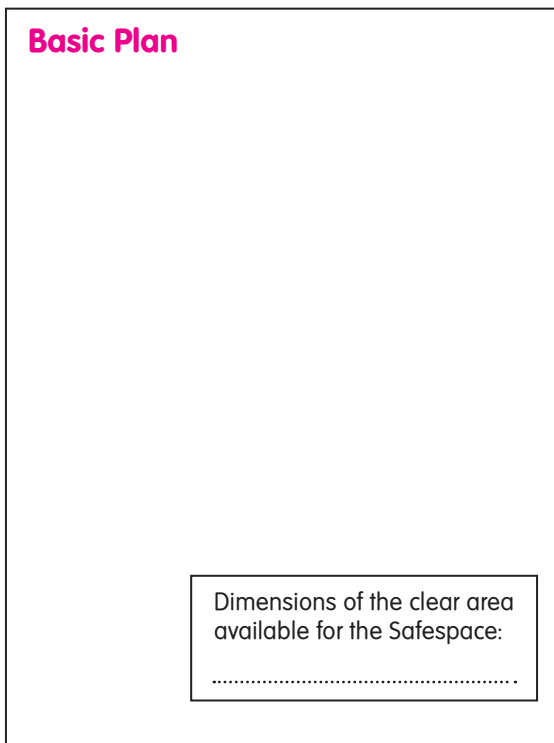
1. 2m x 2m Safespace for a classroom or hall

Most schools choose a 2m x 2m Safespace for part of a classroom. The minimum clear area required for this is at least 2.5m x 2.5m. Please draw a **Basic Plan** of what you require in the space below, as per the example, indicating the number and position of doors and windows. Write the clear area available for the Safespace in the box.

2. Safespace up to 3m x 3m for a large classroom or hall

A Safespace can go up to 3m x 3m maximum size. This requires a large clear area of at least 3.5m x 3.5m. Please draw a **Basic Plan** of what you require for anything up to this size for a large classroom or hall in the space below, as per the example. Write the clear area available for the Safespace in the box.

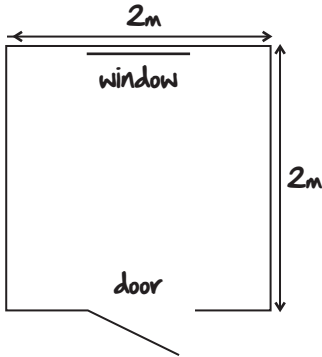
Basic Plan



Dimensions of the clear area available for the Safespace:

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Example



Dimensions of the clear area available for the Safespace:

classroom 3m x 4m

3. Custom designed Safespace for a smaller room

If the Safespace is to go into a smaller or more conventionally sized room than a large classroom, please complete one of our **Room Plans**. This can be found in the **Downloads** section on our website or phone us to request one. This will give us more detailed measurements for where a Safespace is made to fit a room more closely. From this we will do a custom made design and quote based on the measurements and information given.

Schools Quote Request Form

Please fill in the details and send us the accompanying information as below and overleaf for a free design and quote.

Name	
Job Title	
School	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	

Optional extras

Water Resistant Treatment on floor seams is available where incontinence of user/s is a particular issue. Also available are Removable Window Blinds which allow the option of creating a very low stimulation environment when required.

Accessories

Various accessories are available for use with the Safespace such as Fibre Optics, Projector packages and Soft Play items. **Please see our website or brochure for details.**

Quote Option	Please send us	Tick to request
Quote Option 1	Basic Plan (overleaf)	
Quote Option 2	Basic Plan (overleaf)	
Quote Option 3	Full Room Plan (Download from our website or phone to request.)	
Fibre Optics Package	-	
Projector Package	-	
Soft play items	Details of which items you require with dimensions if appropriate (See website for ideas & sizes or call us.)	
Mattress (for residential or therapy)	Size required, & Standard or Memory Foam	
Water Resistant Treatment	-	
Removeable Window Blinds	Number required	

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