Fire Safety Guidance

Guidance on the location of cupboards in corridors or on means of escape

1. the cupboard must be constructed of metal or other non-combustible material
2. the cupboard must be kept locked
3. the cupboard must not cause an obstruction or bottle-neck (severe narrowing of the corridor) and in all cases a clear unobstructed width of corridor of at least 1050mm must be maintained
4. all items must be stored in the cupboard not on top or adjacent to the cupboard
5. cupboards may be located in any corridor, even when there is escape in only one direction, but they must not be located in any protected stairway

Guidance on the location of recycling bins or waste bins in corridors or on means of escape

1. the bin must be constructed of materials of restricted combustibility including metal or other non-combustible materials. [This applies to all new and replacement bins. The existing plastic bins will be phased out as they become unserviceable. Bins constructed of cardboard are not permitted]
2. the bin must not cause an obstruction or bottle-neck (severe narrowing of the corridor) and in all cases a clear unobstructed width of corridor of at least 1050mm must be maintained
3. bins may be located in any corridor where there is escape in at least two directions, but they must not be located in any protected stairway or in any corridor where there is escape in only one direction
4. all waste and recycling bins must be emptied when full