

TIPSHEET: CALCULATING FLOOR AREAS

Shapes	Formulas for Calculating Area
Rectangle	Area = width x length Note: Most floor spaces can be broken down into rectangles A 3 m Area: 5 x 3 = 15 m ²
Squares	Area = width x length Area: 3 x 3 = 9 m ² Area: 3 x 3 = 9 m ²
Triangles	Area = (width x perpendicular length) \div 2 Area: $3 \times 3 = 9 \div 2 = 4.5 \text{ m}^2$
Parallelogram	Area = width x perpendicular length Area: 3 x 4 = 12 m ²
Rhombus	Area = width x perpendicular length Area: 3 x 3 = 9 m ²
Trapezoid	Area = (sum of parallel sides ÷ 2) x perpendicular length Note: Use this formula to calculate the floor area of a bay
	Area: (4 + 6) ÷ 2 x 3 = 15 m ²
Half Elliptical	Area (half elliptical) = (width x depth \div 2) x 3.14 \div 2 Note: Use this formula to calculate the floor area of a bow
	Area: $(6 \times 3 \div 2) \times 3.14 \div 2 = 14.13 \text{ m}^2$

Note: Assume all shapes are lying flat on the ground.