



Smoke Alarms

Most properties have a smoke alarm fitted.

If your home does not have a smoke alarm fitted, you should install at least one per floor. This will give advance warning of a fire, allowing early escape.

Choosing your smoke alarm

Look out for one of these symbols, which shows the alarm is approved and safe.



Fitting your smoke alarm

The ideal position is on the ceiling, in the middle of a room, or on the hallway and landing, so you can hear the alarm throughout your home.

Avoid putting alarms in or near kitchens or bathrooms where smoke or steam can set them off by accident.

Maintaining your smoke alarm

- Test once a week.
- Replace battery if necessary every year.
- Vacuum the vents of your smoke detector twice a year.
- NEVER cover the detector.
- NEVER remove the battery or isolate the power supply.

Keeping you safe

The building in which you live has been designed with safety in mind. Outside the building, roads and other areas are designed so that emergency vehicles can get as near as possible. NEVER block these.



The walls, doors and floors are specially designed to resist fire and stop the spread of smoke. To do this, fire doors need to be kept closed when they are not in use.



Never prop or wedge fire communal doors open. It is also a good idea to close your internal doors when you go to bed.

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Keeping you safe

If the fire is in someone else's flat

- If you consider it safe to do so you may stay put within your flat.
- If you think it is not safe to stay put, follow your escape route to safety but NEVER use the lift.
- Call the Fire Service 999
- Do not go back to your flat until you have been told it is safe to do so.

If the fire is in your own flat / house

- Alert any other people in the flat / house.
- Leave the flat and close the door after the last person. Call the Fire Service 999
- If safe to do so alert other flats on the floor
- Follow the escape route to safety but NEVER use the lift.
- Do not go back to your flat until you have been told it is safe to do so.

What if you are cut off by fire

- Gather everyone in your flat into one room
- Block the bottom of doorways with blankets or coats.
- With the door shut, open the window and call for help.
- If you have a phone at hand, call 999 and follow the advice.
- Stay near the window.
- If you are trapped in a high storey, lean out of the open window for fresh air until the Fire Service arrives. If the room becomes too smoky crouch to floor level, it will be easier to breath as smoke rises upwards.
- If you are in immediate danger and your flat is not too high from the ground, drop cushions or bedding to the ground below to break your fall. Get out feet first and lower yourself down the full length of your arms before dropping.



Chutes and Rubbish

Please ensure smoking materials are fully extinguished and cold before putting into rubbish bags and placing in the bin chute.

Communal areas, landings and lobbies

All communal areas, landings and lobbies MUST be free of combustible items and obstructions such as artificial flowers, furniture, rubbish bins, books, pushchairs, bicycles etc.

Storage of personal items in communal laundry rooms / store rooms / electrical cupboards

NEVER store combustible items in any of the above rooms.

Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)

LPG cylinders must not be used in High Rise buildings. A gas explosion in a block of flats could cause death or serious injury.