

Fire safety advice for residents

Fire Safety Advice:

Protecting you and your household

The easiest way to protect your home and family from fire is with a working smoke alarm. We have installed these in all of our properties.

You can prevent fire from happening by taking a few simple steps

- Don't leave pots and pans cooking with no one in the kitchen and don't allow children to play in the kitchen alone with food cooking on the hob
- Be especially careful when cooking with deep frying oil pans (chip pan). Don't overfill these pans and NEVER throw water on a deep oil pan fire
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly, use a proper ashtray and don't smoke in bed
- Don't overload electrical sockets
- Turn off appliances when not in use. Don't even leave them on standby- saves on electricity costs too
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children
- Make sure candles are kept away from materials that may catch fire – like curtains. Children shouldn't be left alone with lit candles
- make sure you can easily get out of your front door in an emergency
- Close your doors at night, especially the doors to the living room and kitchen to prevent fire spreading
- Plan your escape route NOW. Be prepared and don't wait until the worst happens.

Do not leave your belongings or rubbish in the outside corridors, in the lift area or the stairs.

This could affect you and your neighbours if there was a fire. Belongings can clutter up the place and make getting out more difficult, if a lot of people are leaving at the same time, and rubbish may be flammable and make getting out more dangerous.

Keep safe and plan your escape route

The good news is that your flat is in a building that is designed to be fire-resisting, so a fire should *not spread* from one flat to another.

You do not need to leave your home if there is a fire elsewhere in the block. You should leave if you can feel heat or can smell smoke, or if told to do so by the Fire Service (Fire Brigade).

If you are in a corridor, lift area or stairway and you notice a fire, then leave the building immediately and, if safe to do so, alert other residents in the immediate vicinity on your way out (knock on their doors).

Your stairway is designed to be safe for escape throughout the course of a fire, so always use the stairs – not the lift- to get to ground level if escaping.

Do Not Put Yourself at Risk

Do Not Return To Your Flat Until It Is Safe To Do So