

HIGH-RISE LIVING



A FIRE SAFETY GUIDE FOR
HIGH-RISE LIVING

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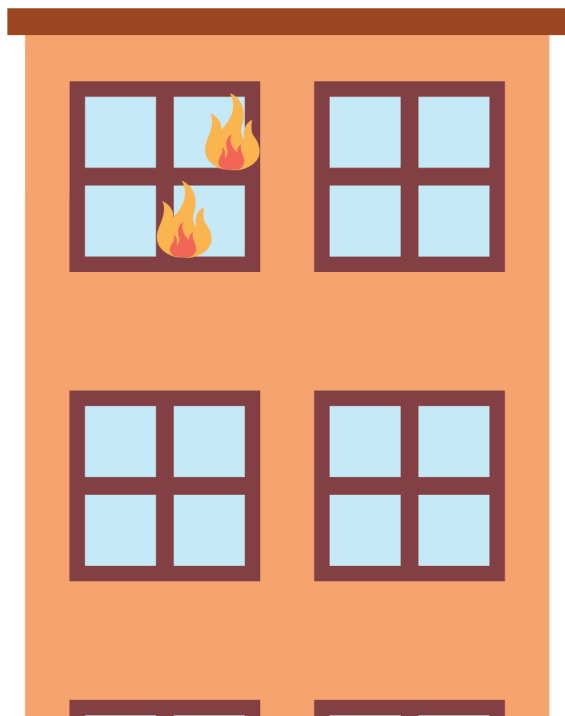
Living in a high-rise block doesn't mean you are any more at risk from fire, but it does mean you need to consider your fire safety and the impact a fire in your home could have on other residents.

It is important for your own safety, to understand what to do in the event of a fire, whether it's in your flat or somewhere else in the building.

DID YOU KNOW?

That high-rise flats are built to delay the spread of fire.

Your building has been designed and built with fire safety in mind.





BUILT WITH YOUR SAFETY IN MIND

LIFT ACCESS

Never use the lift when evacuating the building. The fire may cause a power failure, trapping you inside.

EMERGENCY ACCESS

Never block emergency access to your building. We need to get as close as possible to the entrance.

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Dry or wet riser pipes run internally through the block and are usually painted red. The pipes provide water to higher floors to tackle fires.

It is important that any damage to this equipment is reported as soon as you see it.

KNOW YOUR BUILDING'S EVACUATION PLAN?

Your Building's Evacuation Plan is on the Fire Action Notice (this will be posted in communal areas). It will be either:

Full evacuation :

When the alarm sounds, get everyone in your flat out of the building using emergency fire exit routes and stairs (don't use the lift).

Stay put :

Keep your front door and windows closed. Tune into local TV and radio or social media and await further instructions from the emergency services, unless:

**The fire is in your flat or
You feel threatened by fire or smoke**

when you should evacuate!

WHAT TO DO IF THE

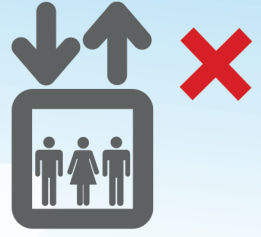
IF YOU ARE
EVACUATING



Leave your flat
and close the door



Use the stairs



Never use the lift

Get out, stay out, call 999. Never assume someone has called.



RE IS A FIRE...

IF YOU ARE STAYING PUT



Close your windows and doors



Stay in and tune in to local TV or radio



Stay put unless advised by the fire service or you feel threatened

If the fire service need to fully evacuate the building, they will let you know.

Unnecessary evacuation can make it more difficult for the firefighters to get to the fire.



WE WILL BE THERE

We always send an appropriate number of fire engines to deal with an incident.

If you can see the fire service already there, then there is no need to call 999



PROTECT YOUR HOME

- » Fit at least one smoke alarm on every level in your flat
- » Don't fit it in your kitchen or bathroom as this may cause false alarms
- » Test regularly
- » Never take the batteries out
- » Always follow the manufacturers advice
- » Report any damage to firefighting equipment, fire alarms, fire doors and fire escapes



BE PREPARED

- » Keep all exits clear, both communal corridors and in your home
- » Keep door and window keys accessible
- » Prepare a grab bag that you can take if you need to evacuate
 - Think about prescriptions, documents such as your driving licence and passport, spare keys, a mobile phone, charger and a torch
- » Know how to isolate your flats gas, electric and water supply
- » Get to know your neighbours. Are they young, elderly or vulnerable? They may need assistance in an emergency
- » Read your building's Fire Action Notice



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