



What to do in the event of a fire

Fire safety

Understanding fire safety and how to keep yourself and neighbours safe

Your block has been designed to contain fire within a single flat and maintain a guaranteed safe, smoke-free escape route via the internal stairway. This is achieved by protecting your flat and communal stairs with a fire-resistant structure and fire-resistant doors.



Fire safety guidance

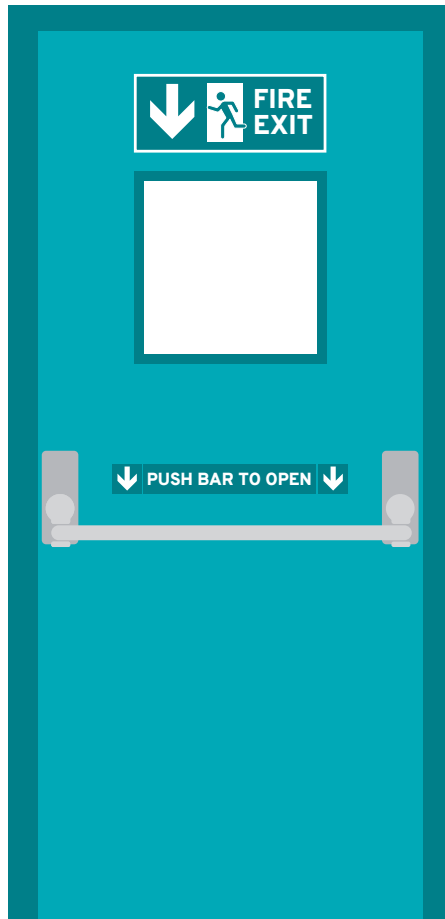
- Report any defect or damage to a fire door or its self-closing device immediately
- Keep all communal areas clear of combustible materials or trip hazards
- Test your smoke alarms every week and report any faults immediately
- Bins should be stored away from the building
- Don't store any articles in any meter or service cupboards and or common loft hatches
- Smoking is not permitted in the common areas of flats. Where smoking is permitted carefully extinguish all cigarettes.



Importance of fire doors

Fire doors and frames are installed as sets and must never be modified or tampered with. Every flat entrance door must be fitted with an operational self-closing device, capable of closing fully without restriction.

Never disconnect or remove a self-closing device.

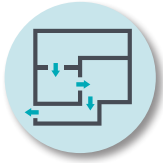


Protected stairs

The stairwells and common areas must remain clear, removing the risk of fires starting, spreading from a flat or restricting safe emergency evacuation. Having space gives firefighters the access and room they need. Never leave articles such as pushchairs, bicycles or rubbish in the stairwells and common areas.



In the event of a fire



Make sure every member of your household knows how to escape the building safely in the event of a fire.



Tell everyone in your flat, and get them to leave the room where the fire is straight away, and then close the door.



Close the flat entrance door behind you. Don't stay behind to put the fire out.



If there is a lift - don't use it. Raise the alarm by using a 'break glass' point if your block has them.



Wait outside away from the building. Call the fire service - dial 999 or 112.

If you are in any doubt, get out!

If you see or hear of a fire in another flat or other part of the building



Your building is designed to contain a fire within the flat or area where it starts. This means that it will usually be safe for you to remain in your own flat.



If you remain in your flat move to an outside window, and open it so that you can be seen by the emergency services.



You must leave immediately if smoke or heat affects your home, or you are told to by the fire service.



If there is a lift - don't use it.

If there's a problem with your alarm, call Alliance Homes on 03000 120 120.



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