

Fire safety in your home: the dos and don'ts

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 you could have on other residents.

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

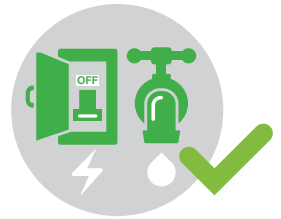
Things you should do



Keep all exits clear both in communal corridors and in your home



Report fire door faults



Know how to isolate your electric and water supply



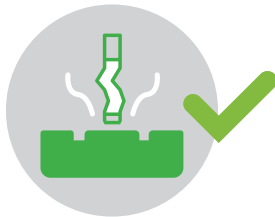
De-fluff your tumble dryer regularly and open a window when it's on



Update your Local Housing Office with changes to your household's disability status



Close your bedroom and kitchen doors at night



Put out cigarette butts and dispose of them properly



Understand the Stay Put Policy and info on the back of your front door



If the fire is in your flat leave the building, report to the Fire Service and tell them where and what the fire is in your flat

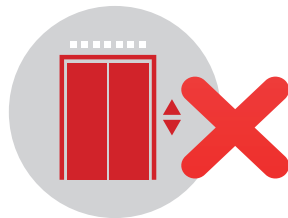
Things you should not do



Use a wallpaper stripper near or paint/wallpaper over the sprinkler heads in your flat



Block emergency access to your building



Use the lift if evacuating the building



Smoke in stairwells or communal areas, and don't use candles in your flat



Store flammable or combustible material in your shed, flat or balcony



Leave cookers, toasters, microwaves, or tumble dryers unattended



Damage your front door or allow anyone to drill through the doorframe to fit service lines



Overload extension leads



Use pest bombs