



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

High-Rise Safety Advice





High-rise living

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

The impact that a fire in a neighbour's flat could have on you

The impact a fire in your home could have on other residents

Fire safety in your flat

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.

- 1 Fit at least one smoke alarm in your flat.
- 2 Don't fit it in your kitchen or bathroom as this may cause false alarms.
- 3 Test your smoke alarm once a week.
- 4 Vacuum the vents of your smoke alarm at least twice a year.
- 5 Never take the batteries out or isolate the power supply.
- 6 Always follow the manufacturer's advice on fitting and maintaining smoke alarms.
- 7 Keep door and window keys accessible.
- 8 Keep your doorways and hallways free from clutter.
- 9 Close all doors at night.
- 10 Don't start cooking if you are very tired or are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 11 If you smoke, make sure you put cigarettes out properly, and don't smoke in bed or while sleepy.
- 12 Make an escape plan so that you and your family know what to do if there is a fire in your flat.

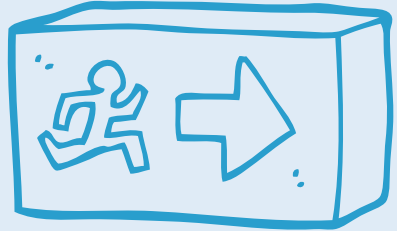
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Fire safety in your block

What can you do to help keep yourself and your neighbours safe?

- Keep all exits and passageways clear of any obstructions.
- Never wedge communal fire doors open.
- Ensure doors to stairways are not damaged or faulty and report any defects promptly to the landlord or owner of your building.
- Dry or wet riser pipes (usually red) help us 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.



- Never block emergency access to your building. Park considerately to enable emergency vehicles to get as near as possible.
- Make sure you are familiar with the emergency procedures for your building which will be provided by the landlord or owner.
- Get to know your neighbours. Are they young, elderly or vulnerable? They may need assistance in an emergency.
- Make sure all rubbish is disposed of in the bins provided. If a bin chute is available, please take care not to force any items into it which may get stuck.



Consider joining social media channels for your building.

If there is a fire...

If you feel you are in immediate danger,

get out



Leave your flat and close all doors behind you.



Use the stairs.



Never use the lift.



Get out and call 999. Never assume someone else has called.

Make sure you are familiar with the emergency procedures for your building which will be provided by the landlord or owner.

Do not return to your flat until you have been told it is safe to do so.



If there is a fire...

If you are cut off by fire,

stay put



Close all internal doors.



Stay in and tune in to local TV or radio.



Do not leave your flat unless advised to do so by the fire service.



Call 999. Never assume someone else has called.



Gather everyone into one room.



If there is smoke entering your property, block the bottom of doorways with blankets or coats.



Wait to be rescued by a firefighter.

What you can expect from the fire service



If you are having difficulty evacuating from the building, call 999 to let us know where you are.



Don't be alarmed by the number of fire engines we send. We need lots of resources to move our equipment to where the fire is, to assist those in danger, and to protect our firefighters.



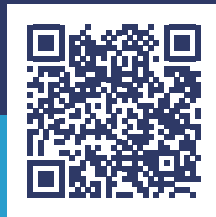
A firefighter may provide you with a smoke hood. This is a hood designed to go over your head, to stop you from breathing in smoke.



In the stairwell and corridors, you could expect to see fire service equipment, please be careful when making your escape.



Keeping you safe from fire is our main priority.



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