

KEEP YOUR **BUILDING SAFE**

How to keep you and your neighbours safe;

- Keep common areas (stairways, corridors, drying rooms) clear of rubbish bags, combustible materials, and furniture.
- Immediately report any damage to fire safety features such as lifts, alarm panels, fire doors, or dry riser landing valves, as these are critical to firefighting operations.
- Never prop open doors in common areas. They are fire-resistant and fitted with self-closing devices.
- Keep bin rooms and building doors secure at all times to prevent unauthorised entry and reduce fire risk.
- Do not store or use gas cylinders, flammable liquids, or fuels inside the building.

Emergency vehicle parking areas must remain clear at all times to ensure that firefighters have quick access to fire hydrants and the building in case of an emergency.

CHARGE SAFELY **EVERY TIME**

E-bikes, mobility scooters, and other forms of electrical transport can pose a serious fire risk. Charging and storing them safely is essential to protect yourself and others.

- Keep escape routes clear and reduce the risk of deliberate fires.
- Store them in a separate room with a smoke detector.
- Remove the battery when not in use.
- Don't use modified, damaged or uncertified batteries and chargers.
- Do not charge when sleeping.
- Do not store or charge them in common areas, bedrooms or escape routes.

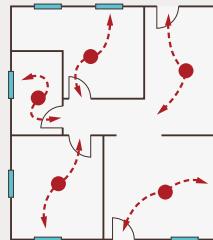


FIRE ESCAPE PLANS TO GET OUT QUICKLY

All homes should have a fire escape plan that the whole family/household knows about. It should include:

- How to exit quickly if there is a fire in your home, especially at night.
- Who will be responsible for getting the children.
- The location of the front door keys.
- A designated 'safe room' in case you cannot escape. Choose a room with a phone and a window.

Practice your fire escape plan regularly, particularly if you have children, to ensure everyone knows what to do in an emergency.



CONTACT US



Visit firescotland.gov.uk for fire safety advice or talk to your local firefighters.

To find out whether you are eligible for a free Home Fire Safety Visit, go to our website. You can also contact us on behalf of a friend, relative, neighbour or client. If you don't have access to the internet, please call 0800 0731 999.



DESIGNED FOR FIRE SAFETY

The materials and fittings within a multi-storey are designed to prevent fire and smoke spread.



BUILT TO BE FIRE RESISTANT

The building's materials and fittings are specially designed to prevent the spread of fire and smoke. In most cases, fires will remain confined to the area where they started.

If a fire occurs in another flat or common area, you are safer remaining in your own home. The risk of fire in your flat is no greater than in any other type of housing.



GUIDANCE FOR CLADDING REMEDIATION BUILDINGS

If your building is affected by cladding remediation works, there may be special fire safety arrangements in place. This could include a building-specific Fire Evacuation Plan introduced as part of Urgent Interim Measures. In this situation, the 'Stay Put' advice in this leaflet may not apply.

You should always follow the fire evacuation instructions specific to your building. If you are not sure what arrangements are in place for your building, you should contact your Building Manager, Factor, Developer, Local Authority or the Cladding Remediation Department (CladdingRemediationProgramme@gov.scot).

SMOKE AND HEAT ALARMS FOR EARLY WARNING

- ◆ Ensure your home has working, ceiling-mounted, interlinked smoke and heat alarms.
- ◆ If alarms don't activate, contact your landlord or property manager immediately.
- ◆ Faulty alarms should be replaced with long-life battery or hard-wired units.
- ◆ Alarms must be audible in all rooms, even with doors closed.



IF A FIRE OCCURS IN YOUR FLAT

Smoke alarms give early warning, giving you time to escape safely. If a fire occurs:

- ◆ Follow your fire escape plan immediately.
- ◆ Alert your household by shouting and get out quickly.
- ◆ If smoke is present, stay low and crawl beneath the smoke.
- ◆ Close doors behind you as you escape to prevent the spread of smoke and fire.
- ◆ Do not return to investigate or fight the fire.
- ◆ Avoid using the lifts; always use the stairs to exit the building.
- ◆ Once out, stay out, keep a safe distance, and immediately call 999!

IF THE FIRE IS NOT IN YOUR FLAT

If you hear a smoke alarm in a communal area or detect the smell of smoke:

- ◆ Call the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and provide them with the fire's location if you know it.
- ◆ Stay inside your flat and keep the front door closed – you'll be safer inside.
- ◆ Fill any gaps around the door with towels or sheets to prevent smoke from entering.
- ◆ Go to an open window and wait for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to arrive.

Only leave your flat if you are affected by heat or smoke, or if you are instructed to leave by firefighters or police.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE TRAPPED

In the unlikely event that you are trapped by fire:

- ◆ Go to your 'safe room' and gather everyone there.
- ◆ CALL 999 as soon as possible.
- ◆ Fill any gaps around the door with towels or sheets to prevent smoke from entering.
- ◆ Stand by the open window and shout "FIRE" for help.
- ◆ If possible and safe to do so, gather on a balcony for visibility.