

# BE AWARE

## AVOIDING FALSE ALARMS

**98%** of all automated fire alarm calls are unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) incidents. **YOU CAN PREVENT THIS!**

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### BREAK GLASS POINTS

Break glass points are for use in emergencies only. Do not mistake fire alarm break glass points for GREEN door exit points!



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### EXTERNAL SMOKING ONLY

Only designated external smoking areas should be used. Do not smoke or vape inside the building or in your room.



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### APPLIANCES

Take care when using toasters, kettles, dryers, straighteners. All of these can impact on the fire alarm system – always use them well away from smoke detectors.



**W**

### WATER, VAPOUR, STEAM

Steam can set off alarms, so keep bathroom doors closed and extractor fans on when using baths, showers and sinks. Do not leave them unattended, as overflowing water can damage detection equipment on the floor below.



**A**

### ACTIONS IN AN EMERGENCY

Raise the alarm! Always call 999 if you discover a fire. Pass your details as well as important info such as address, location within the building, what's on fire and if anyone is trapped.



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### REMOVAL OF HEADS/DAMAGE

Never remove, cover up or damage smoke or heat detector heads to prevent them activating.



**E**

### EXITS & ESCAPE ROUTES

Know your escape route and the location of your closest fire exit. Never wedge fire doors open and close doors behind you when evacuating.



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## Reducing false alarms

