

FIRE SAFETY IN APARTMENTS



There are a number of easy steps you can undertake to keep safe in your apartment:



PLAN FOR A FIRE OR EMERGENCY

Your home escape plans will be a little different to the average single storey house. Think of the following tips before you have a fire in your apartment building:

Familiarise yourself with your building's fire escape plan. If you cannot find one speak to your owner's corporation



Know where the fire exits, fire stairs and firefighting equipment are located. Only use firefighting equipment if you feel confident and safe in doing so

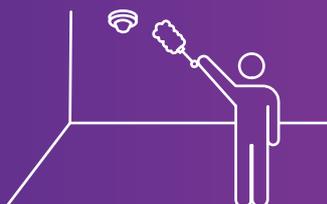


Make an escape plan with your family and other occupants. Include a back-up option in case your initial plan of escape is blocked. Also include an arranged safe meeting place outside the building



Inform any visitors of the escape plan

Test smoke alarms in your apartment monthly and clean regularly with a duster or vacuum cleaner



Smoke alarms provide a vital early warning and can allow extra time to escape if there is a fire in your apartment



In a life threatening emergency dial Triple Zero (000)



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RESPOND TO A FIRE OR EMERGENCY

If there is a fire in your apartment building:



Respond immediately when alerted to fire and evacuate to your safe meeting place



Do not wait and see. Do not spend time collecting items or to go investigate what is happening.
EVERY SECOND COUNTS



Stay calm and get everyone out as quickly as possible



Get down low and stay out of the smoke



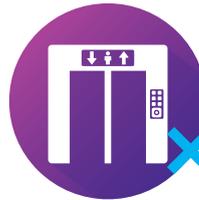
If safe to do so, **close all doors behind you as you leave**



If the fire is small and close to your location **consider trying to extinguish with the firefighting equipment provided**, but only if you feel confident and safe to do so



Call out to other people to alert them that there is a fire



Do not use lifts during a fire unless they are specifically labelled for evacuation. Use emergency exits or fire stairs



Get out and stay out. Never re-enter the building until advised by the fire fighters



Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. **Ask for FIRE**

MAINTAIN ESCAPE ROUTES AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

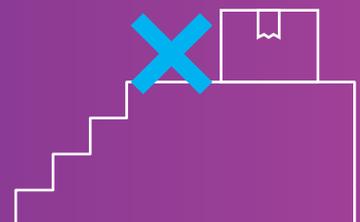


Keep all firefighting equipment, such as extinguishers and fire hoses clear of obstructions.

Never store items in fire equipment cupboards



Never prop or wedge open fire or smoke doors because these are designed to stop the spread of smoke and fire



Do not store items in corridors or staircases as this can block escape routes and obstruct firefighters from doing their job.

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