

Fire Instruction Notice for Flats

If a fire starts in your home, it is up to you to make sure that you can get out of it. Do not wait until a fire happens. Read these instructions and find out the best way for you and your family to get out of your home and also out of the building if a fire started somewhere else. There may be more than one way out. If you, and all the other people in the building, follow these rules you will all be much safer and less likely to start a fire or be injured in one.

AT ALL TIMES

Make sure that the smoke alarms in your home are working.

Do not store anything in your hall or corridor, especially anything that will burn easily.

Use the fixed heating system fitted in your home. If this is not possible, only use a convector heater in your hall or corridor. Do not use any form of radiant heater there, especially one with either a flame (gas or paraffin) or a radiant element (electric bar fire).

Do not store things in the cupboard(s) where your gas and electricity meters are fitted.

Familiarize yourself with the exit route(s) from your home and keep them clear and functional.

Do not block access roads to the building.

IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT IN YOUR HOME

If you are in the room where the fire is, leave straight away, together with anybody else, then close the door.

Do not stay behind to try to put the fire out.

Tell everybody else in your home about the fire and get everybody to leave. Close the front door and leave the building.

Do not use the lift (unless it is a designated evacuation lift).

Do not use a balcony unless it is part of the escape route from the building.

If you have a personal evacuation procedure in place, follow it.

CALL THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.

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CALLING THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The fire and rescue service should always be called to a fire, even if it only seems a small fire. This should be done straight away.

The way to call the fire and rescue service is by telephone as follows.

Dial 999.

When the operator answers give the telephone number you are ringing from and ask for FIRE.

When the fire and rescue service reply tell them clearly the address where the fire is.

Do not end the call until the fire and rescue service have repeated the address to you and you are sure they have got it right. The fire and rescue service cannot help if they do not have the full address.