

Fire safety in your home.

Fire kills. You can prevent it.

We take fire safety in our properties very seriously. Fire can cause serious injury and even death, as well as damage your home and personal possessions. This leaflet aims to provide you with general information on how you can stay safe from fire in your home.

The numbers.

- Fire kills approximately 300 people per year in the UK
- Approximately 120 of these deaths are caused by smoking and discarded smoking materials
- Fire and Rescue teams across England attend around 528,691 incidents per year
- Over 50% of all house fires are caused by cooking and unattended cooking appliances
- Faulty/overloaded electrics account for over 7,000 fires per year
- Candles account for around 2,000 fires per year

Our responsibility for fire safety.

As your managing agent it is our duty to make sure that all our properties are compliant with current Fire Safety Standards. To do this, we:

- Employ contractors to carry out regular gas, electrical and fire safety system checks in your home
- Provide tailored fire safety measures for vulnerable customers
- Arrange home safety visits from local Fire and Rescue Service for vulnerable/high risk customers

What can you do to prevent a fire?

Most people know the basics of fire safety at home, such as not leaving burning candles unattended. However, here are a few more things you can do around the home to prevent a fire.

In the kitchen.

- Don't leave pans unattended
- Take care if wearing loose clothing
- Keep the oven, hob and cooker clean and free from grease
- Once you have finished, check that appliances are turned off
- Avoid leaving children alone in the kitchen
- Don't cook if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Remember to close your kitchen door at night when you go to bed or if you are leaving your home

Smoking.

- Never smoke in bed
- Make sure cigarettes and other smoking materials are fully out before disposing of them
- Always use an ashtray and put it on an inflammable surface at night
- Don't leave lit cigarettes unattended
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children
- Where possible cigarette lighters should be filled outside

Electrics.

- Make sure electrical appliances are kept in good working order and do not use them if there are any signs of damage or loose wiring
- Unplug appliances before going to bed or when you are not using them
- When changing a fuse, make sure you use the right one to prevent overheating
- Don't overload sockets, avoid the use of electrical extension leads where possible and always make sure that they are to the correct British Standard
- Keep portable heaters clear from flammable materials – don't dry clothes over them

Before you go to bed.

- Turn off electrical appliances
- Check your cooker is switched off
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly
- Close all doors - this will help to prevent fire from spreading

What to do in the event of a fire?

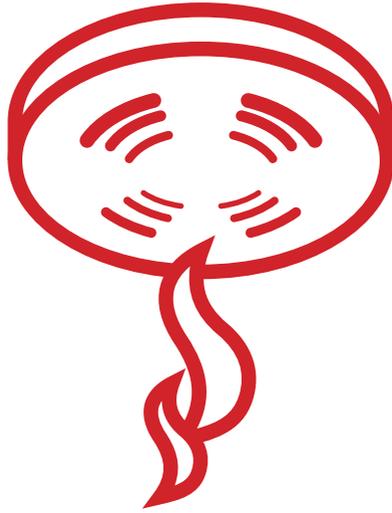
If there's a fire in your home, you need to act quickly. Make sure you are prepared and follow these simple steps:

- Plan your escape and make sure everyone knows the routine
- Keep your exit routes clear so you can escape easily
- If doors and windows can be locked, make sure keys are easily accessible
- Don't tackle the fire yourself
- Get out if it is safe to do so and leave your possessions behind
- Close the doors behind you
- Keep low – smoke rises and the air at a low level will be clearer
- Dial 999 to report the fire
- Stay out of your building until the Fire Brigade says it is safe to return

If your escape route is blocked:

- Head to a room with a window
- Close the door and use blankets or bedding to stop smoke getting under the door
- Call 999 or, if you haven't got a phone, shout out of the window

Remember:
Working detectors save lives.



We recommend that you test
smoke alarms/heat detectors
on a **weekly basis**.

Do not put yourself at risk.

If you are worried or unsure about a fire risk please contact your housing provider:



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