

This leaflet provides fire safety advice for those who live in our multi-storey flats in Radnor Park.

Fact. The materials and fittings within a multi storey are designed to prevent fire and smoke spread. If there is a fire in someone else's flat, you'll be safer staying in your own home. Most fires will not spread further than the area where they have started.

You are at no more risk of having a house fire than those living in other types of house.

If a fire is in your flat

- Follow your fire escape plan
- Shout to alert the household and get out quickly
- If smoke is present keep low, crawl if you need to get below the smoke level
- Close doors behind you including the front door to prevent smoke and fire spread
- Don't return to investigate or fight the fire
- Don't use the lifts. Always take the stairs to exit the building

CALL 999 AS SOON AS YOU ARE IN A SAFE PLACE.

If the fire is NOT in your flat

- If a smoke alarm is sounding in a communal area or you smell smoke call the Fire and Rescue Service
- Stay in your flat and keep the front door closed
- Pack a towel or sheets around the bottom of the front door to stop smoke getting in
- Go to an open window and wait for the arrival of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Only leave the safety of your flat if you're affected by heat or smoke, or if you're told to leave by firefighters or the police.

If you are trapped

- In the unlikely event of becoming trapped by fire in your home, go to your "safe room" and gather everyone there
- Call the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as soon as possible

- Protect the room by packing bedding or towels around the door to help block the smoke
- Open the window to breathe clean air and try attracting attention by waving a sheet
- Gather on a balcony if one is accessible

If there is a fire don't be alarmed by the scale of the fire services' presence as they need a large amount of resources to get their equipment from the ground up to the floor of the fire.

Do not jump – the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be on their way.

If you live in a multi-storey flat that has a lift - NEVER use it when evacuating the building

Information provided by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

How you can help

- Ensure your fire exit door, located in one of the bedrooms, is not blocked and can be easily opened if required. If you have any difficulty opening this door let us know immediately and we will arrange for it to be serviced.
- Ensure there are no items of furniture, plants etc. on your landing. These items can accelerate a fire and hinder fire fighters who may be trying to rescue occupants from a flat
- Make a fire escape plan and make sure everyone living in your flat knows what it is

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- Test your smoke alarms weekly and report any faults to us immediately
- Request a free home fire safety visit from Scottish Fire & Rescue by calling 0800 0731 999, texting “FIRE” to 80800 from your mobile phone or calling Clydebank fire station on 01389 385 141

What we do to help

- Our caretakers carry out daily inspections of common areas and this enables us to identify and act on any health & safety issues. Scottish Fire & Rescue also carry out regular inspections
- We have robust maintenance systems in place to ensure any fire-fighting equipment is checked on a regular basis
- We regularly check lifts via our cyclical programme and caretaker inspections
- We have invested in smoke alarms and have live data on their performance via an online portal
- We have invested in common smoke alarms to allow early detection
- We have clearly marked out access for emergency service vehicles using yellow grids. These areas should be kept clear at all times.
- We carry out bi-annual dry riser maintenance
- Fire risk assessments have been carried out, reviewed and actions implemented

Keeping your building safe

- No refuse bags, combustible materials or items of furniture should be stored in common areas such as stairways, corridors or drying rooms within a building. By keeping these areas clear it will protect escape routes and reduce the risk of deliberate fires
- Lifts, fire alarm panels, fire doors and dry riser landing valves are there to assist with firefighting operations. If you see damage to any of these features, please report it immediately
- Common doors leading to fire exits are fire resistant and should never be wedged open
- Bin rooms and access doors to the building should be kept secure to prevent intruders starting deliberate fires
- There should be no gas cylinders, flammable liquids or fuels stored or used within a high-rise building
- Emergency vehicle parking areas should be kept clear to allow firefighters access to fire hydrants and the building quickly in the event of fire. These areas are clearly identified
- Keep bin chutes clear. Do not dispose of large items via the bin chute (including pizza boxes)

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

For further information don't hesitate to call the Maintenance Team at the office or visit the Scottish Fire and Rescue website firescotland.gov.uk

If you or someone you know would like this leaflet in any other format, let us know.

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