
FACTSHEET

FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR FLAT

If a fire starts
in your flat

- ! Warn others in your flat and help to evacuate the property
- ! Close doors behind you to restrict the spread of fire and smoke
- ! Gather your family a safe distance away from the block and dial 999
- ! **DON'T RE-ENTER** your flat until you're told it's safe to do so by the Fire and Rescue Service.

If a fire starts
in another
part of the
building

Follow the advice on the fire evacuation notice(s) which are displayed within the communal areas. These are usually near exit doors and/or on noticeboards.

Make sure you read the notice(s) and make sure you and those you live with are familiar with it.

If a fire starts in another part of the building (continued)

- ! **DON'T ATTEMPT TO FIGHT THE FIRE**
- ! **DON'T RE-ENTER** the building until you're told it's safe to do so by the Fire and Rescue Service.

What should I be doing to make sure my family is safe?

- Test all your smoke alarms once a month and report any faults.
- Discuss the evacuation plan with your family so everyone is clear what to do.
- Keep your escape routes clear – keep keys near the front door.
- Have a simple bedtime routine. Close all internal doors and unplug electrical items that you're not using. If you smoke, make sure cigarettes are put out properly and don't leave e-cigarettes or vape batteries on charge.
- Take care with candles and tea lights. NEVER place them on televisions, plastic surfaces or near to soft furnishings/curtains.
- Keep your grill and oven clean from grease as this can easily catch fire.
- Take care when cooking and NEVER leave cooking unattended.
- Don't leave your washing machine, dishwasher or tumble dryer on a cycle and go out. More fires are being caused by these appliances.
- Use the correct charger for your mobile phone and don't charge it overnight. Overheating batteries can catch fire.

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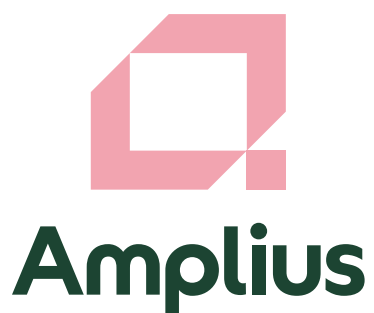
- Don't overload electrical sockets. Remember, one socket = one plug.
- NEVER store or leave pushchairs, bicycles, mobility scooters, refuse or children's toys in corridors or on landings – these are fire escape routes.

Fire door checks

Fire doors are critical in preventing the spread of fire and smoke. It should be everybody's responsibility in a shared building to make sure they're fit for purpose.

You shouldn't alter the fire door and frame in any way, such as attaching a doorbell or screw numbers into it.

For more information on fire door safety, please visit our fire door safety page - amplius.uk/fire-door-safety



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