

Fire Safety in High Rise Flats

High rise flats are built with safety in mind. Outside the building, roads and other areas are designed so that emergency vehicles can get as near as possible. The walls, external doors and floors are specially designed to resist fire and stop the spread of smoke but to do this the doors need to be kept closed when not in use. **Never prop or wedge external doors open.**

It is a good idea to close your internal doors when you go to bed. Make sure you also turn off all electrical items that are not designed to stay on for long periods. Keep escape routes, inside and outside of your flat, clear of obstacles at all times. **Vital time needed to escape may be lost if you do not know where to find your door keys.**

If fire starts inside your flat:

When your smoke alarm sounds...

- Don't open doors looking for the source of the fire.
- Alert everyone and leave the flat, closing the door behind you.
- Don't stop to gather personal belongings or pets.
- Don't use a balcony to escape from unless it is part of an official escape route.
- When you are out of the building find a phone and call **999**.
- Never go back into the building until you have been told it is safe to do so.

If a fire starts elsewhere in the building:

- Make sure you know where the nearest call point is to raise the alarm in the event of fire.
- If you can't escape safely, it will normally be safe for you to stay in your own flat.
- Open a window to get some fresh air and stay by the window to attract attention.
- If you have to leave the building always use the staircase - never use the lift.
- If you have to move through smoke keep as close to the floor as you can where the air is cleaner.

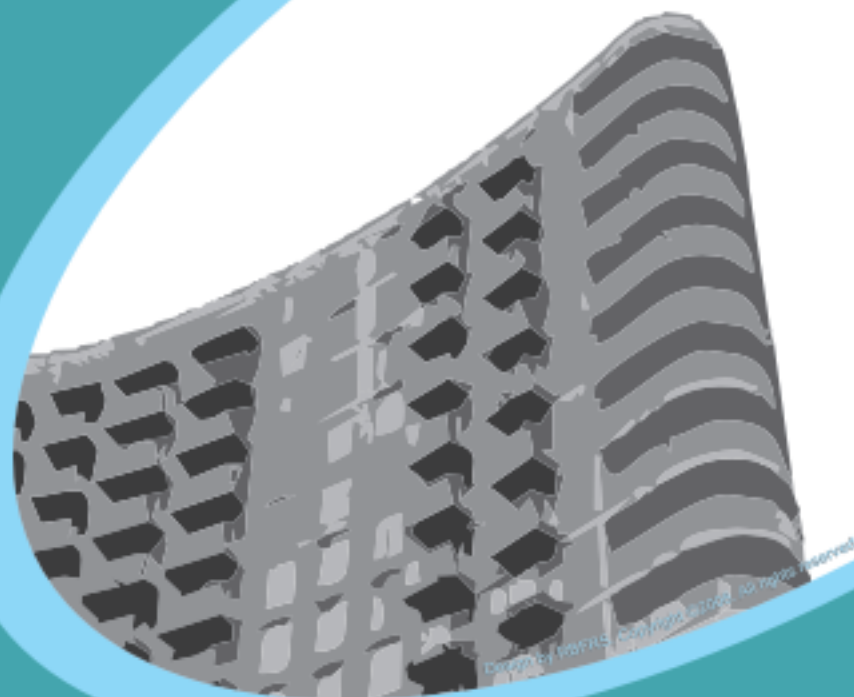
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