

# fire safety measure in your block

## Structure

This is a purpose-built block of flats and is therefore designed to ensure that fire is contained in a single area, such as a flat, if it starts.

The structure will also protect the exit routes from the block to ensure that, in the event of a fire, residents can leave if they need to.

believe housing are undergoing a survey and works programme in flat block communal areas to check for any breaches that may allow fire to travel and ensure that these are remediated.

## Fire doors

All doors that open onto the common areas of the building are at least 30 minutes fire resistant to ensure that fires are contained. They are also all fitted with self-closing devices and smoke seals to stop fire and smoke spreading when residents leave their flats.

If you note any damage on fire doors in this block, please notify believe housing immediately and we will make the necessary repairs arrangements.

All fire doors are inspected annually with any deficiencies being followed up through an accredited fire door repair contractor. Inspections take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

## Emergency lighting

This block is fitted with emergency lighting meaning if there is a disruption to the electrical supply to the property, such as when there is a fire or a power cut, it will ensure that residents can see the communal corridor evacuation routes. It also ensures the fire brigade can safely enter. The emergency lighting is tested every month by our Electrical Team.

## Electrical installations

Every three years the fixed electrical wiring in the communal areas of this property is inspected to ensure that it is up to the correct standards. If any faults are identified, they will be rectified by our Electrical Team in a timely manner. Electrical installations in flats are inspected every five years.

## Site inspections

Each month your neighbourhoods officer will visit the block to carry out an inspection. Part of this is to ensure that the communal areas are clear of items and there are no health and safety risks on site.

Nothing can be stored (permanently or temporarily) in the internal or external areas of the flat blocks.

Residents will be given the opportunity to remove any items identified with a deadline for removal, however if they are not removed we will arrange their disposal. This is to ensure the communal areas are sterile with no combustible items that can promote fire spread and to ensure the evacuation routes are clear of any hazards.

## What to do in the event of a fire

### If a fire breaks out in your flat:

- Leave the room where the fire is and close the door
- Leave with everyone else in your flat
- Don't collect personal belongings as this will delay evacuation
- Close the flat entrance door behind you
- Wait outside away from the building and call 999.

### Never stay behind to put out the fire.

### If you see or hear of a fire in another part of the building:

- The building is designed to contain the fire where it begins so you will usually be safe to stay in your own flat if the fire is elsewhere.
- You must leave immediately if smoke or heat affects your home, if safe to do so, or you are told by the fire brigade to evacuate.
- If you are in doubt, get out.