



Fire Safety Advice for Tenants

What to look out for in your building

Fire safety in all buildings is dependent upon good maintenance and housekeeping. Tenants are required to conduct themselves in a way that does not interfere with this.

In apartments, it is essential that:

- All apartment front doors and doors on corridors and staircases are 'self-closing' fire doors
- Fire doors must 'self-close' properly, and not be held or wedged open. They are designed to stop the spread of fire
- The fire detection and alarm system in the apartment is working and is tested weekly by you
- A fire blanket is provided in the apartment
- Common escape routes shared by other apartments have emergency lighting, a fire detection and alarm system and fire extinguishers maintained and tested by the landlord
- Items are not stored in corridors or staircases. (This can block escape routes and prevent firefighters doing their job. Such items can also contribute fuel to the fire)
- Storage on balconies is kept to a minimum
- Barbeques are not used on balconies
- Everyone who lives in the building knows the evacuation plan.

If you are concerned about any of these things, contact your landlord or Management Company.

What should I do if there is a fire?

If your apartment is being affected by fire or smoke and your escape route is clear:-

- Get everyone out, close all windows and doors and walk calmly out of the building
- Do not use the lift
- Call 999 or 112, give your address (including Eircode), the number of your apartment and state which floor the fire is on
- Get out and stay out!

If there is a fire or smoke inside your apartment but your escape route is NOT clear:-

- It may still be safer to stay in your apartment until the fire brigade arrives
- Find a safe room, close the door and use soft materials to block any gaps to stop the ingress of smoke
- Go to a window, shout and beckon for help and call 999 or 112
- Be ready to describe where you are and the quickest way to reach you