

FIRE ACTION

In the event of a fire in a block of flats Northampton Borough Council has a stay-put policy.

In the event of a fire in **YOUR FLAT (or your own house)**

- Leave by the nearest fire exit.
- DO NOT use the lift.
- CLOSE all the doors behind you.
- CALL 999 immediately.



In the event of a fire in **YOUR BLOCK (but not your own flat)**

- **STAY** in your flat unless you are in immediate danger.
- **ALWAYS CALL 999**, do not think that someone else will call.



If you require any further information, please contact Northampton Fire & Rescue Service Fire Safety on

01604 797000

If you find personal items in your communal areas – please contact your relevant Housing Officer to have them removed.

Fire safety in your home and communal areas

Advice for Tenants and Leaseholders

If you need any help with this document, or require any further information, please contact

0300 330 7000

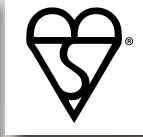
www.northampton.gov.uk



FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Follow these simple inexpensive tips to help prevent fires in your home.

- Fit smoke alarms on every level of your home. Approved fire alarms have these symbols.



- Test the batteries in your smoke alarm every month. NEVER disconnect your smoke alarm.
- When cooking, take extra care when cooking with oil and don't leave children alone in the kitchen when cooking is in progress.
- Don't overload plug sockets. Poorly wired appliances are a real danger. Check regularly that wiring is in good condition.
- Ensure cigarettes are put out properly. More people die in fires caused by smoking products than in fires caused by anything else!
- Use candles carefully. Do not leave an open fire or candles unattended or with children. Ensure candles are secured in a stable holder and are kept away from curtains, fabrics or paper.
- Plan your escape route.
- Make a bedtime check list.

You can access further fire safety information from our local Fire and Rescue Service at

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Just follow the links for Fire and Public Safety.

FIRE SAFETY BEDTIME CHECK LIST

You are more at risk from a fire when asleep. Follow these simple checks before you go to bed to help keep your home safe.

- Close doors at night to stop a fire from spreading.
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on – like your freezer.
- Check your cooker is turned off.
- Don't leave the washing machine or tumble dryer on.
- Turn heaters off and put up fireguards.
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly.
- Make sure exits are kept clear.
- Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them.



KEEPING YOUR COMMUNAL AREAS SAFE IN BLOCKS OF FLATS

For your own safety and to ensure that communal areas stay clear, the Council has a policy of not storing any items in the communal areas, unless written permission is granted by the Council's Fire Management Officer.

All tenants and leaseholders should keep their communal areas clean, tidy and free from refuse and obstruction at all times.

It is against the law to smoke in the communal areas in blocks of flats.

Items left in communal areas can pose a serious risk to safety in the event of a fire or emergency. They can slow down or prevent people from leaving the building and can obstruct the fire service from gaining access.

Combustible items such as bin bags can cause a fire. Items such as plant pots and mats can block exits or cause people to trip when using escape routes. Mobility scooters pose a particular hazard and have been known to be the cause of fires elsewhere.

A warning sticker requesting removal will be put on any items found in communal areas of your building including lobbies, stairwells, corridors and landings. If not removed in the stated time the item will be removed by the Council

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| | NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL | |
| | In order to prevent the risk of fire ALL Public areas of this building must remain free from ALL items at ALL times. | |
| FIRE KILLS! | Date: <input type="text"/> | Officer: <input type="text"/> |
| Northampton Borough Council will dispose of this item if not removed within 24 hours of this notice as it is considered to be a Fire Hazard. | | |

STORE IT AWAY FROM COMMUNAL AREAS OR LOSE IT!