

## Fire Safety in Communal Areas

## You must not store items in communal areas.

NPH has a duty to ensure that all tenants and leaseholders have a fire safe communal area. This is to make sure in the event of an emergency, everyone can escape quickly and safely.

Items such as mobility scooters, buggies or bikes can cause obstructions to escape routes if you or somebody else in your building needed to get out in a fire. Even small, seemingly harmless items such as door mats or plant pots can form an obstruction if it is dark and smoky. In a fire, people may stay close to walls to help guide them if they can't see through thick smoke.

It is very important that you ensure all communal areas are kept clear and free of obstruction. If personal items are found in a communal area you will be asked to remove them. If you fail to do so promptly, we will remove and dispose of the items and take enforcement action.

If you become aware of an item in a communal area that poses an obstruction or fire risk then please let us know immediately by contacting us on: 0300 330 7003.









## **Northampton Partnership Homes Fire Safety Policy**

In November 2015 we took the action to put a zero tolerance policy in place in all of our communal areas managed by NPH.

What this means is that we expect all communal areas including those directly outside the front door of our tenants to be clear at all times this includes the following items but is not exclusive to:

- Washing Lines
- Recycling Boxes
- Door Mats
- Buggies / Prams
- Plant Pots
- Gates
- Bikes

Failure to comply with this policy could lead to action being taken against your tenancy.

I confirm that I have ready and understood this and that it could be used as evidence that you are aware of this policy if we need to take action against your tenancy.

Property Address:
Tenants Name: Tenants Signature:
Date: Employee Name:
Employee Signature: Date:

