

SAFE & WELL

HIGH-RISE SAFETY ADVICE



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

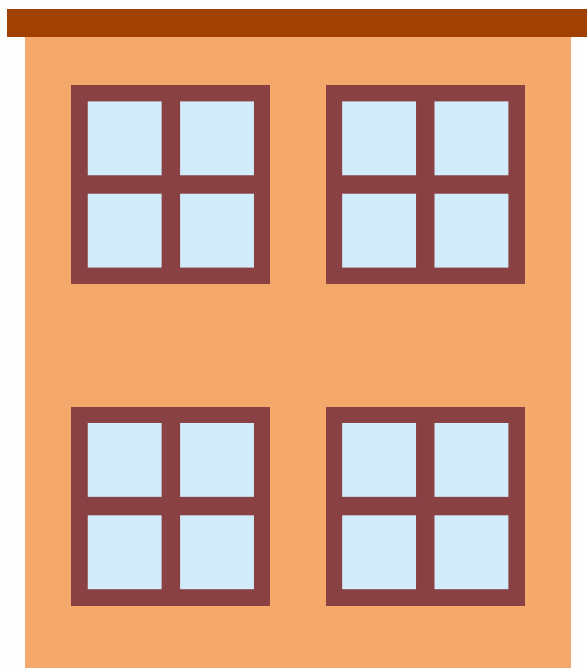
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HIGH-RISE LIVING

Living in a high-rise block doesn't mean you are any more at risk from fire, but it does mean you need to consider:

- Your fire safety.
- The impact a fire in your home could have on other residents.
- The impact that a fire in a neighbour's flat could have on you.

It is important for your own safety, to understand what to do in the event of a fire, whether it's in your flat or somewhere else in the building.





FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR FLAT

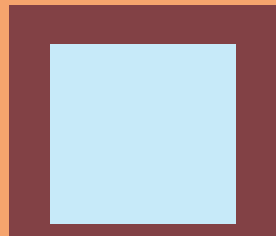
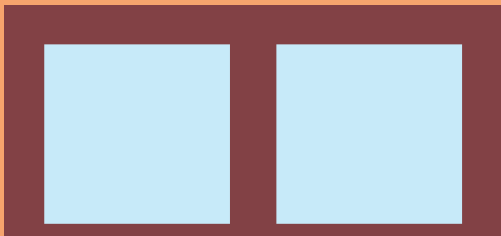
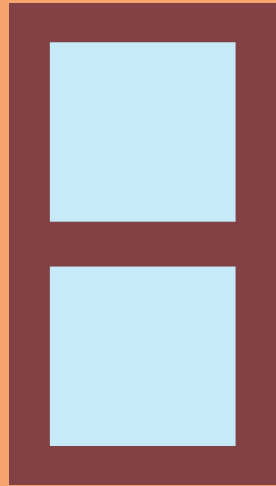
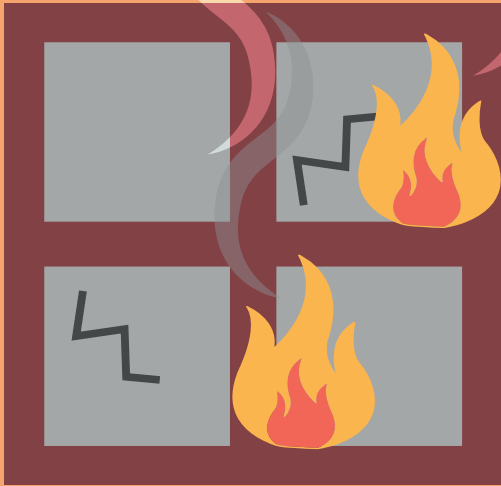
- Fit at least one smoke alarm in your flat.
- Don't fit it in your kitchen or bathroom as this may cause false alarms.
- Test your smoke alarm once a week.
- Vacuum the vents of your smoke alarm at least twice a year.
- Never take the batteries out or isolate the power supply.
- Always follow the manufacturer's advice on fitting and maintaining smoke alarm.
- Keep door and window keys accessible.
- Keep your doorways and hallways free from clutter.
- Close all doors at night.
- Don't start cooking if you are very tired or are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- If you smoke, make sure you put cigarettes out properly, and don't smoke in bed or while sleepy.
- Make an escape plan so that you and your family know what to do if there is a fire in your flat.

FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR BLOCK

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS SAFE?

- Keep all exits and passageways clear of any obstructions.
- Never wedge communal fire doors open.
- Ensure doors to stairways are not damaged or faulty and report any defects promptly to the landlord or owner of your building.
- Dry or wet riser pipes (usually red) help us provide water to higher floors to tackle fires. It is important that any damage to this equipment is reported as soon as you see it.
- Never block emergency access to your building. Park considerately to enable emergency vehicles to get as near as possible.
- Make sure you are familiar with the emergency procedures for your building which will be provided by the landlord or owner.
- Get to know your neighbours. Are they young, elderly or vulnerable? They may need assistance in an emergency.





IF THERE IS

**IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER,
GET OUT**



Leave your flat
and close all
doors behind
you.



Use the stairs.

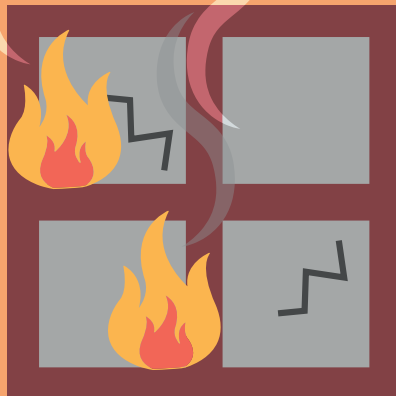
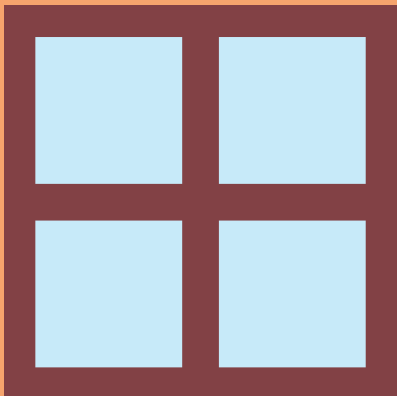


Never use the
lift.



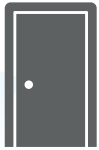
Get out and
call 999.
Never assume
someone else
has called.

Do not return to your flat until you have been told it is safe to do so.



A FIRE

IF YOU ARE CUT OFF BY FIRE, STAY PUT



Close all
internal doors.



Stay in and tune
in to local TV or
radio.



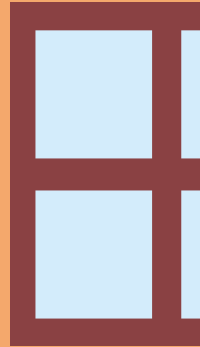
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advised by the
fire service.



Call 999.
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- Gather everyone into one room.
- If there is smoke entering your property, block the bottom of doorways with blankets or coats.
- Wait to be rescued by a firefighter.

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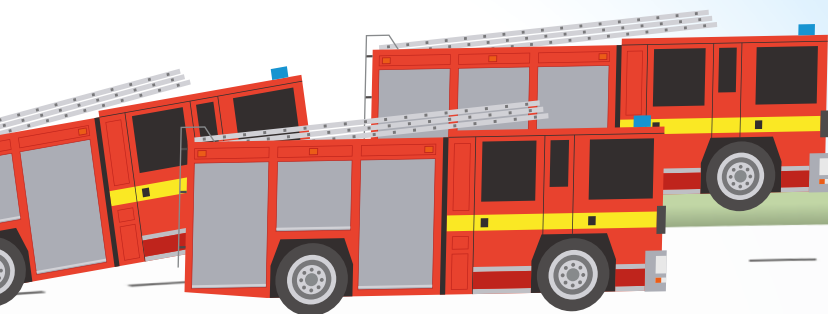


WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THE FIRE SERVICE

If you can see the fire service have arrived, there is no need to call 999. However, if you are having difficulty evacuating from the building call 999 to let us know where you are.

Don't be alarmed by the number of fire engines we send. We need lots of resources to move our equipment to where the fire is, to assist those in danger and to protect our firefighters.

Keeping you safe from fire is our main priority.



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