Fire Safety

Fire safety guidance for occupants

















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Our commitment...

We aspire for all our accommodation to be a place where our residents want to live both now and in the future.

We recognise that being and feeling safe in the home is an important factor in how people feel about where they live.

Fire represents a risk to resident safety and this document aims to provide important information and guidance you can use to reduce the likelihood of fire occurring and the consequences to you and others, where it does occur.

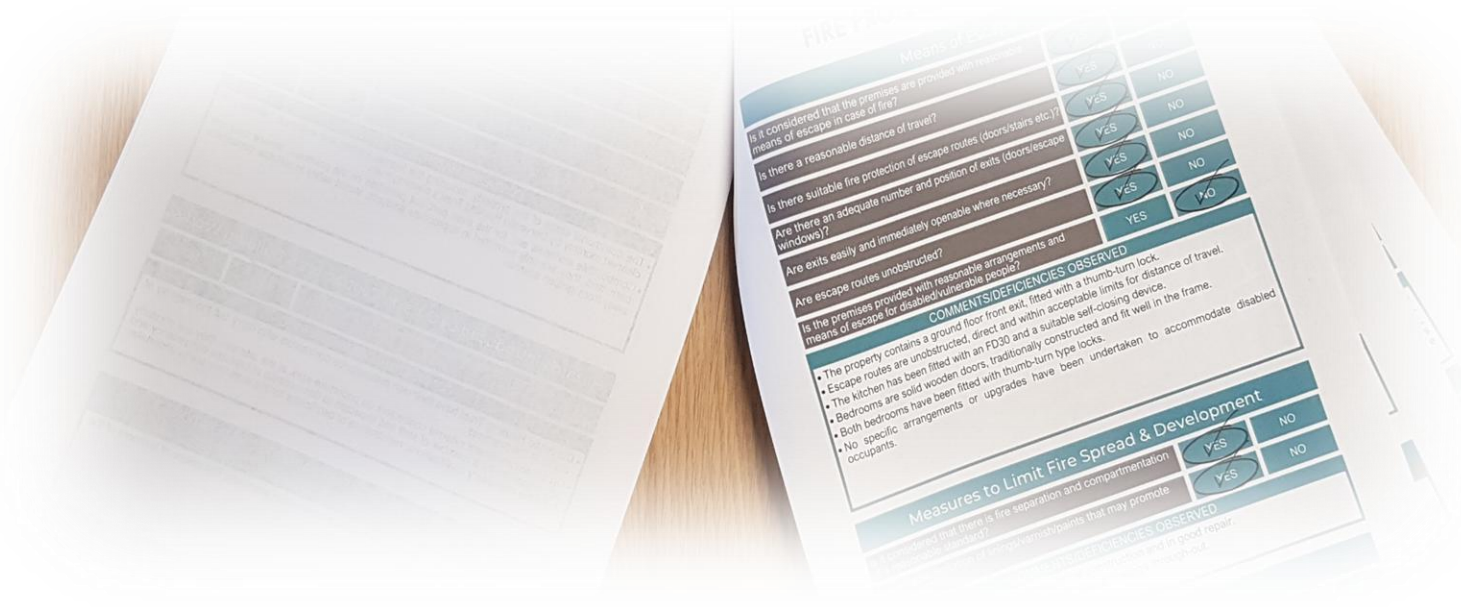
What is fire safety and how does it work?

Fire safety is the set of practices intended to reduce the destruction caused by fire.

Fire safety measures include those that are intended to prevent ignition of an uncontrolled fire, and those that are used to limit the development and effects of a fire after it starts including fire detection and early warning, escape routes and measures designed to limit the spread of fire.

Each property undergoes a fire risk assessment to ensure that fire safety measures, escape routes and automatic fire detection systems are suitable for the property and the number of occupants.

An emergency evacuation procedure tells you what you should do in the event of a fire in order to keep yourself safe. You can find a copy of the emergency evacuation procedure on the rear page of this booklet or on the notice board in the communal part of the accommodation.



What your licence agreement says...

- Any electrical equipment not provided by Derventio and brought onto the premises by the resident must be PAT tested to ensure it is not a risk to the other residents
  [7.8 – Page 5]
- The resident or any other person visiting the premises with the resident's permission shall not: In any way affect the validity of the insurance of the accommodation or cause an increase in the premium payable by Derventio
  [7.9.3 – Page 5]
- The resident or any other person visiting the premises with the resident's permission shall not: introduce into the premises any dangerous flammable materials, including candles and fireworks [...] or gas cylinders
  [7.14.3 – Page 6]
- Comply with all fire, health and safety precautions and procedures laid down by Derventio
  [7.15 – Page 6]
- The resident is not permitted to bring or store furniture into the accommodation without prior written agreement from Derventio. Such items may be removed at any time and disposed of without notification. The resident shall be liable for the reasonable disposal costs of any items
  [11.5 – Page 9]
- You must not bring flammable materials onto the premises or land, other than essential items such as matches/lighter. Candles are not allowed, including incense [...] BBQs or fires must not be lit in the garden areas without the express (in writing) permission of Derventio
  [House Rule 4 – Page 12]
- Smoking is not allowed under any circumstances inside the premises [...] It is also very important not to smoke due to fire regulations. The same rule applies to all visitors to the property.
  [House Rule 7 – Page 13]
- You are responsible for cleaning the room you stay in, and for taking your turn with other residents in helping to clean the communal areas both inside and outside the property (such as tending gardens and clearing away rubbish)
  [House Rule 13 – Page 14]
- Bins must be put out for collection on the allocated collection day. You are responsible for ensuring the correct recycling of rubbish
  [House Rule 14 – Page 14]
- under no circumstances are E-scooters or E-bikes, or the battery packs allowed to be charged, stored or brought into the property or on the premises which includes the exterior of the property at any time.
  [House Rule 21 – Page 14]

Do and don't...

DO

- DO follow the evacuation procedure if you hear the fire alarm
- DO speak to your housing officer if you are worried about fire safety
- DO report any issues with detectors, fire blankets, fire doors or self-closers
- DO follow the rules, procedures, and instructions about fire safety at all times
- DO make sure you know the way out of the property in-case of an emergency

DON'T

- DON'T use candles, incense, or other naked flames on the premises
- DON'T store or charge electric bikes or scooters on the premises
- DON'T leave food cooking in the oven or on the hob unattended
- DON'T leave bikes, furniture, or other belongings in the way of the escape route
- DON'T keep lots of paper, cardboard, rubbish, or flammable items lying around
- DON'T let lots of mail, letters or post build up behind the door
- DON'T keep flammable or explosive liquids or gas cylinders on the premises
- DON'T smoke, use lighters or matches inside the premises
- DON'T leave chargers or appliances switched on when you leave your house
- DON'T disable/remove/damage any self-closing devices or prop open fire doors

IF A FIRE IS CAUSED BECAUSE YOU HAVE IGNORED THESE GUIDELINES, THEN YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR THE COST OF REPAIRING THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE FIRE!

Fire action

If you discover a fire



Leave the building by the nearest exit



Call the Fire Brigade by telephoning 999



DO NOT stop to collect belongings



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