

Home Fire Safety Guide

Keep your home safe and prevent fires

- Mount Green fits at least one smoke alarm in every level of your home
- Remember to test all your alarms **monthly**
- Fitting interlinked alarms will give everyone in your home the earliest warning of fire
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- Heat alarms are located in the kitchen, they detect the increase in temperature caused by fire but will not be set off by cooking fumes

SMOKING

- It is safer **NOT** to smoke
- Try to smoke outside and make sure cigarettes are fully extinguished
- **NEVER** smoke in bed, or anywhere else if you think you might fall asleep
- **DO NOT** leave a lit cigarette and never throw hot ash into a bin
- Keep matches and lighters well out of reach of children

CANDLES

- Candles, tealights and incense burners should only be placed in stable, heat resistant holders
- Keep candles well away from curtains, furniture and clothes

COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS

- **DO NOT** have combustible materials in your properties or/and in your communal areas including balconies.
- **DO NOT** have barbeques in your properties or/and in communal areas.

HEATING AND ELECTRICS

- Sit at least one meter away from heaters
- Keep heaters well away from anything that can catch alight
- **Don't** overload electrical sockets
- Take extra care in the kitchen
- **Never** leave pans unattended when cooking
- **Don't** cook if you are tired, have been drinking alcohol or taking medication that might make you drowsy

IF THE PAN DOES CATCH FIRE:

- **Don't** tackle the fire yourself or try to move the pan
- **Never** throw water onto it as this can create a fireball
- If you can do so safely – turn off the heat
- **Leave the room and close the door. Shout to warn others to get out, stay out and call 999**



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STAY SAFE WHEN YOU GO TO BED

- Close **all** doors as this helps to prevent fire spreading
- **Switch off** and unplug electrical items such as TVs and avoid charging devices like mobile phones when you are asleep
- Only leave essential appliances switched on such as fridge or freezer, **turn all others off**
- Make sure candles are out before you go to bed
- Check your cooker and heaters are turned off.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

- Make and escape plan and practice it regularly to make sure everyone knows how to get out safely
- The best route is the normal way in and out of your home
- Plan a second route in case the first one is blocked
- **Never store anything in the communal area including balconies.** Items can block your escape route and be a fire risk
- Always keep door and window keys where everyone you live with can find them

CARBON MONOXIDE

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that has no smell or taste and can kill quickly
- If you have a solid fuel burner, open fire or a gas boiler get them serviced regularly and fit a CO alarm.

PRODUCT RECALLS

Faulty electrical goods can cause fires. If you are concerned about the safety of a product:

- Stop using it and let the retailer, manufacturer or your local trading standards office know
- Take extra care with second hand appliances and ensure they have been safety checked

If you have difficulties in exiting out of your building or require special equipment or support please speak to your Neighbourhood / Scheme Manager. We may be able to provide specialist equipment and ensure that the fire brigade is aware of your circumstances.



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Know what to do in a fire

PURPOSE BUILT MAISONETTE OR BLOCK OF FLATS

If your flat or maisonette is being affected by fire or smoke and your escape route is clear:

- Get everyone out
- Close the door and walk calmly out of the building
- Do not use the lift
- Call 999, give your address, the number of your flat and state which floor the fire is on.

If there is fire or smoke inside your flat or maisonette and your escape route is NOT clear:

- It may be safer to stay in your flat or maisonette until the fire brigade arrives
- Find a safe room, close the door and use soft materials to block any gaps to stop the smoke
- Go to a window, shout **HELP FIRE**
- Call 999, be ready to describe where you are and the quickest way to reach you.

If there is a fire in another part of the building:

- Purpose built maisonettes or blocks of flats are built to give you some protection from fire. Walls, floors and doors are designed to hold back flames and smoke for 30 to 60 minutes.

- You are usually safer staying where you are
- Tell the fire brigade where you are and the best way to reach you
- If you are within the common parts of the building, leave and call 999.

Escaping from a home fire

- If any of your smoke alarms go off when you are asleep, follow your escape plan, **GET OUT AND CALL 999**
- **Shout FIRE** to warn others and don't stop to pick up valuables
- Check closed doors with the back of your hand. Do not open if the door feels warm – the fire may be on the other side

Smoke can kill, get down as low as possible where the air is clearer.

If your escape is blocked by fire, it may be safer to stay where you are until the fire brigade arrives. Close the door and use soft materials to block any gaps to stop the smoke.

If you have a phone, call 999, go to a window shout **HELP, FIRE and wait to be rescued**

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