



Keniston

# Fire safety in your Keniston home

This leaflet contains important fire safety advice as recommended by the London Fire Brigade.



**FIRE  
KILLS**

**LET'S PREVENT IT**

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# Safety advice



**Smoke alarms save lives.** We provide smoke alarms within your flat but you are responsible for making sure they continue to work while you're living there. Test them regularly and if they are not working, report to us immediately.

- Don't obstruct the communal areas, stairs, corridors and landings. Don't store prams, bicycles or mobility scooters in communal areas without permission.
- Don't prop open fire doors in communal areas.
- Don't store anything that might catch fire or burn in cupboards that have electrical equipment unless they have been specifically designed for safe storage.
- You must allow access for essential maintenance.
- You should report to us any damage to the building structure that could compromise fire safety (e.g. fire doors).
- Before doing any DIY, check with us that this will not affect any of the fire safety features in your home.

For advice specific to you and your home, visit [www.ohfsc.co.uk](http://www.ohfsc.co.uk) and complete your own home **fire safety check**.

# Safety advice

## Top reasons for a fire in the home:



### Cooking

Example: Avoid deep-fat frying unless you use an electric fryer which has safety features built in to avoid overheating.



### Electrical faults

Example: Avoid overloading sockets or extension leads.



### Smoking materials

Example: Make sure matches and cigarettes are properly extinguished. Never leave them unattended.



### Candles

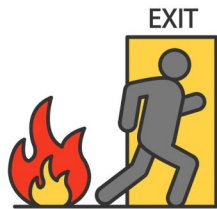
Example: Make sure candles are properly extinguished. Never leave them unattended.

A full list of fire prevention tips can be found on the

**London Fire Brigade** website:

**[Fire safety at home | London Fire Brigade \(london-fire.gov.uk\)](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk)**

# Escape plan



**Have an escape plan and share with everyone who lives in or visits your home.**

- The best escape route is the normal way in and out of your home but choose a second route, in case your first choice is blocked.
- Children may need to be woken up as they may not hear the sound of the alarm.
- Don't waste time investigating what's happened or rescuing valuables.
- If there's smoke, keep low to the floor where the air is clearer.
- Before you open a door check if it's warm. If it is, don't open it - fire is on the other side.
- Close the doors on the way out if you can. This will stop the spread of fire.
- Alert any neighbours who might be at risk from the fire, without putting yourself in danger.



# in your house



Get everyone out of your house, close the doors behind you and **stay out**.



Never attempt to tackle the fire yourself.



Call **999** to report the fire.



Meet the Fire Service on arrival to brief them on the fire.



## in another flat

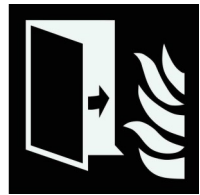


**Do not leave**

**Stay in your flat.** If you are in a communal area, get out and stay out.



Call **999** to report the fire.



Close all doors and windows and **stay put.**



Only leave your flat if you feel at risk from smoke, fire, or are asked to leave by the Fire Service.



## in your flat



Get everyone out of your flat, close the doors behind you and **stay out.**



Leave the building by the stairs. **Do not use the lift.**



Call **999** to report the fire.



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