



fire safety

IN OUR TOWER BLOCKS

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Living in a tower block doesn't mean you are any more at risk from fire, but it does mean you need to consider your fire safety and the impact a fire in your home could have on other residents.

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.

Most tower blocks are built to delay the spread of fire for up to an hour.

Your building has been designed and built with fire safety in mind.

LIFT ACCESS

Never use the lift when evacuating the building.

The fire may cause a power failure, trapping you inside.

EMERGENCY ACCESS

Never block emergency access to your building.

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) need to get as close as possible to the entrance.

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Dry or wet riser pipes run internally through the block and are usually painted red. The pipes 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.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BUILDINGS EVACUATION PLAN?

Your tower block's is **STAY PUT**

Unless the fire is in your flat or a direct neighbour's, keep your front door and windows closed.

THE FIRE SERVICE WILL KNOCK YOUR DOOR IF THEY NEED YOU TO EVACUATE.

WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A FIRE...

IN YOURS OR A NEIGHBOURS FLAT

Get out, stay out, call 999. Never assume someone has called.

Leave your flat and close the door



Use the stairs



Never use the lift



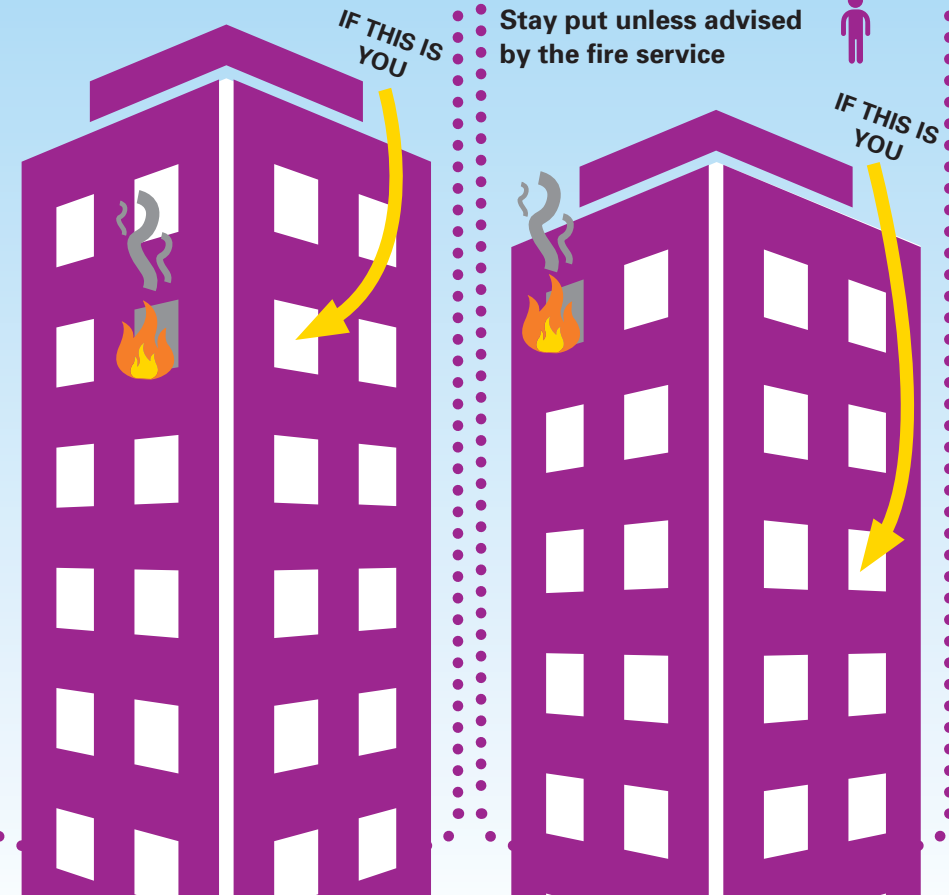
ELSEWHERE IN YOUR BLOCK

If the fire service need to fully evacuate the building, they will knock on your door. Unneeded evacuation can obstruct the fire service and delay them putting the fire out.

Close your windows and doors

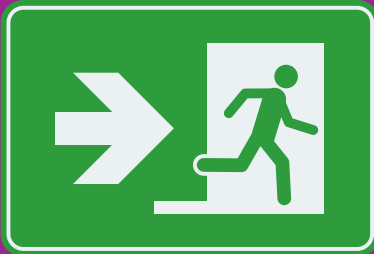


Stay put unless advised by the fire service



YOUR HOME IS PROTECTED

- At least one smoke alarm is fitted in your flat
- Remember to test once a week



BE PREPARED

- Keep all exits clear, both communal corridors and in your home
- Do not remove the thumb turn lock on the inside of your flat entrance door
- Get to know your neighbours. Are they young, elderly or vulnerable? They may need assistance in an emergency

REMEMBER IF THE FIRE IS IN YOUR FLAT THEN GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL 999

IF YOU SEE A FIRE ELSEWHERE, CALL 999 AND REPORT IT



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