

Evacuation in the Event of a Fire for Residents in High Rise Blocks

This leaflet is to advise you of what to do in the event of the fire alarm being raised.

The information in this leaflet has been provided by London Fire Brigade and Lambeth Living to ensure you and your family's health, safety and wellbeing.

Flats and apartments

Each flat/apartment within a high rise block is built to withstand fire for a period of 40 to 60 minutes. This time will allow the fire brigade to arrive and assess the extent of the fire, and whether the block will need to be evacuated.

On hearing the alarm

- Stay inside your apartment or flat as fire has not been located
- Close your front door and windows, as this will prevent smoke entering your home
- Listen for instructions from the fire brigade
- In the unlikely event you have to evacuate your home, the fire brigade will guide you to a safe location

Fire in your flat/apartment

- If your smoke alarm goes off while you are asleep, don't investigate
- Shout to wake everyone up, and get them out as quickly as possible
- Dial 999
- Close doors to rooms if possible, to prevent smoke and fire spreading
- Close the flat/apartment door to prevent smoke and fire spreading into stairwell
- Don't rush, stay calm and get everyone out
- Make your way out of the block by using the emergency exit staircase
- Do not use the lift, as this may not be working
- Make yourself available to the fire brigade as soon as possible

Only those residents whose apartment is affected by fire should immediately evacuate the block.

Residents who are not directly affected by the fire should stay in their homes, as to evacuate may put you and your family in danger from smoke inhalation. **You don't know where the fire is located.** Wait for advice and direction from the fire brigade attending the incident.