

FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE



Stay calm and get everyone out as quickly as possible.



Don't use lifts in a fire. Use emergency exits or fire stairs. Fire stairs provide a path leading you to a safe place away from the building.



Respond immediately when alerted to a fire in your building. Evacuate to your pre-planned safe meeting place.



Get out, stay out and call **Triple Zero (000)**. Never go back inside a burning building.



Don't waste time investigating what's happened or trying to save valuables.

FACT:

A fire can become fatal in less than three minutes



COMMON FIRES

Don't overload power points and power boards and check leads for damage or faults.



Extinguish cigarettes properly in a deep ashtray.



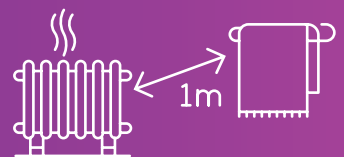
Never use wheat bags in bed. Turn off electric blankets when not in use and store correctly: roll, don't fold.



Keep looking when cooking. Never leave your cooking unattended. Most fires in the home start in the kitchen.



Keep everything one metre from your heater and switch off all heating devices when leaving the room.



In a life threatening emergency dial Triple Zero (000)



SMOKE ALARMS

Remember, only working smoke alarms save lives.

Have and maintain a working smoke alarm.



IF YOU CANNOT ESCAPE BY FIRE STAIRS:



Close all windows and doors to stop smoke entering your apartment.



Call Triple Zero (000) and tell the operator there is a fire in your apartment block. Tell them your apartment number and that you are unable to get out safely, and then follow their advice.



HIGH-RISE FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Know where the fire exits, fire stairs and firefighting equipment are located.



NEVER prop open fire doors or leave anything in fire stairs.



Do not overcrowd. Too many people living in one room increases the risk of fire.



Make sure BBQs and heaters on balconies are at least a metre away from all objects. Turn off when not in use.



Make and practice an escape plan with your family. Decide on a safe meeting place outside and away from the building.

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