



The Oasis The Oasis (Poole) Management Limited

Fire Safety Advice for Residents

Protecting you and your home

The easiest way to protect your home and family from fire is with a working smoke alarm.

A smoke alarm can provide an early warning of a fire and allow you to make your escape – but only if it is working. You are more than twice as likely to die in a fire if you do not have a working smoke alarm.

- Fit smoke alarms in your flat.
- Test your smoke alarms regularly.
- Never disconnect or take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.

You Can Prevent Fire from Happening by Taking a Few Simple Steps

- Do not leave cooking unattended and avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone with cooking on the hob.
- Be especially vigilant when cooking with oil. Do not overfill chip pans and **NEVER** throw water on a chip pan fire.
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly, use a proper ashtray and do not smoke in bed.
- Do not overload electrical sockets.
- Turn off appliances when not in use. Do not even leave them on standby.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children.
- Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire – like curtains. Children should not be left alone with lit candles.

Keep Safe and Plan Your Escape

If your flat is not already provided with adequate smoke alarms, ensure one is fitted and working in your entrance hallway. For even better protection, fit one in your lounge and fit a heat alarm in your kitchen. Make sure your smoke and heat alarms meet British and European standards. If you fit more than one, link them together so they all sound the alarm.

Get an electrician to fit mains-powered devices, and buy models that have a standby power supply in case of mains failure.

Your flat is in a building designed to be fire-resisting. A fire should not spread from one flat to another, so that you need not leave your flat if there is a fire elsewhere in the block. That said, if in doubt, leave the building.

Always leave if your flat is affected by smoke or heat or if told to by the Fire and Rescue Service.

Your stairway is designed to be safe for escape throughout the course of a fire.

Always use the stairway to descend to ground level if escaping.

Do Not Leave Your Belongings or Rubbish in Common Areas, Landings or the Stairway

This could affect you and your neighbours if there was a fire.

If you are in a common area, landing or stairway and you notice a fire, leave the building immediately and, if safe to do so, alert other residents in the immediate vicinity on your way out (knock on their doors).

Do Not Put Yourself At Risk and Do Not Return To Your Flat Until It Is Safe To Do So

Remember

- Test your smoke alarm once a week.
- Keep the exit route from your flat clear so you can escape in an emergency.
- Close doors at night, especially the doors to the lounge and kitchen to prevent fire spreading.
- Plan your escape NOW. Be prepared and do not wait until it happens.

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