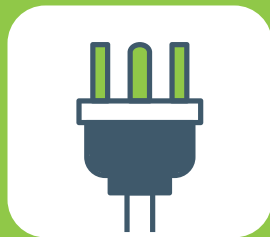


Keeping you safe in a fire

No one wants to think of the unimaginable horror of having to flee your home through flames and smoke, but sadly fire crews attended more than 500,000 incidents last year. Around 200 people lost their lives across the country.

We want to keep you, and anyone in your household safe. Together we can reduce the risk and ensure, in the unlikely event of a fire, you can leave quickly and safely.

Each year we check every block of flats and complete a **Fire Risk Assessment**. We visually go out and check:



Electrical fittings



Fire doors



Any communal areas such as corridors and stairwells that are blocked



Storage of flammable liquids and gases



Signage, to help people know what to do if a fire happens and their exit route

We then take action if we spot something which will reduce the risk. So, for example, we've recently installed locked electrical points in some communal areas.



You can also help us. Please:



Store any mobility scooter or pram at least three metres away from any doors or windows



Keep communal corridors, lobbies and stairwells clear of all combustible materials

(Combustible materials include timber, plastic, paper and fabrics.)



Ensure escape routes and fire exits are clear



Don't smoke in communal areas



Keep bins away from door and windows



Close flat entrance doors and keep cupboard doors locked



Report to us any fire doors that don't close fully



Don't have barbeques on balconies

We know many residents understandably take pride in communal areas and sometimes place personal items outside their doors to improve the look of the building and their enjoyment of it. We will always balance this with the view of the fire service, but ultimately we would never, ever want someone to trip or fall when leaving a building, so will discuss this with you if we think a risk has been created that can be avoided.



You can also get free advice for inside your own property. **Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service** offer free home fire safety checks and visits.

Call **0800 05 02 999** or email **firekills@dsfire.gov.uk**

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