

The following provides some general fire safety advice for tenants

General safety advice

- Do not cover smoke detectors or remove them from your home
- Do not overload electric sockets or extension leads
- Do not attempt to carryout electrical DIY
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly, don't smoke in bed and do not throw used cigarettes in a bin
- Take care with candles
- Keep fire doors closed and do not tamper with door closers
- Make sure all electrical appliances are in good working order
- Don't leave cooking unattended and take extra care when cooking with oil
- Please give access to the Association to carryout annual checks of your gas central heating systems
- Report any faults to us as soon as possible

If you live in a house or flat

- You should test your Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Detectors weekly by pressing the test button, you should also vacuum the detectors regularly to ensure no dust builds up
- You should report any faults with your smoke alarms so that these can be repaired
- Switch off phone chargers, televisions etc before going to bed
- You should have an escape plan for you home which all members of your family or visitors to your home should know and can follow in the event of a fire.
- You should close all doors at night to prevent the spread of smoke and fire and give a longer time to escape in the event of a fire
- If you are less than 4.5 meters above ground then you should have escape windows on the first floor Ensure you know how to open them and ensure that the area immediately below them is kept clear. If you do have to escape this way then it is advisable to lower yourself out of the window and hang by your arms first before letting go - do not just jump out

If you live in a flat

- Do not leave any items on the stairs, stairwells or corridors that could cause an obstruction, trip hazard or could cause a fire
- Do not prop open fire doors in the common areas of your flats. Ensure fire doors are fully closed at all times
- If any of the doors in your house are fire doors and are fitted with door closers make sure these are working correctly and can close securely
- Do not prop these doors open or disable the door closers
- Report any issues you may see with any common area fire detections systems or stair lighting

There is additional help and advice available on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service web site which can be accessed from the link below:-

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety.aspx>

Further details have been issued to tenants by post, however if you are concerned and would like additional information or would like someone to visit you at your home to discuss the matter, please phone us on 01592 630922 or contact Richard Murdoch in our Technical Service team on 01592 631661 or by e-mail at P.Admin@kingdomhousing.org.uk.