

# Fire risk assessment and information for residents

YOUR SCHEME NAME APRIL 2021

We're sharing fire safety information and the results of the latest fire risk assessment.

Please take some time to look at this document where you'll be able to find:

- How to reduce the risk of a fire
- How to maintain fire safety in your home and scheme
- What to do in the event of a fire
- The results of your scheme's fire risk assessment

### What is a fire risk assessment?

A fire risk assessment is an inspection by a qualified assessor. They check that both communal and external areas of a building are safe in the event of a fire.

These assessments take place each year and identify any potential risks which are then fixed. We manage fire safety in accordance with government fire regulations (The Fire Safety Regulatory Reform Order 2005).

The fire risk assessments also check that fire protection equipment is maintained, including fire alarms, emergency lighting and other safety features. We also welcome visits from the Fire and Rescue Service who review our fire risk assessments and general fire safety too.

## How to help minimise the risk of a fire



- Keep cookers and other electrical items well maintained
- Keep any equipment which gets hot, like the hob or microwave clear of things which could catch fire
  - Keep all communal areas clear especially hallways and escape routes
  - Smoke from a fire reduces visibility so these areas must be clear of any trip hazards





- Don't alter your front door. It is designed to withstand fire and smoke for 30 minutes and any alteration could reduce its effectiveness
- Make sure to report any issues with your door

### What you should do in the event of a fire

#### If there is a fire in your flat:

- Close all internal doors
- Use your front door to leave your flat and make sure it is closed
- Do not use the lift
- · Exit the building using the stairs
- Alert the fire service
- Activate the fire alarm if safe

#### If you hear the fire alarm:

- Your scheme is designed to contain a fire within the flat where it starts. This means there is a delayed evacuation policy and it will usually be safe for you to stay in your own flat if the fire is else where.
- You should make sure your front door is closed and stay in your flat until you are told to leave. It will most likely be a Fire Officer asking you to leave.
- If smoke or heat affects your home, you are told to leave by the fire service, or you are in any doubt, leave your home immediately. The fire service will take charge of the building in the event of a fire.

## Fire risk assessment summary



Turn over the page to see your scheme's fire risk assessment results.

# Fire risk assessment results



The likelihood of a fire at this property is:

**RESULT** 

The resulting risk rating assessment of the building is:

**RESULT** 

In the event of a fire, the risk to life would be:

**RESULT** 

The risk to life from fire at this property is:

**RESULT** 

Please be aware that although the purpose of this is to place the fire risk in context, the fire risk assessment approach is subjective and for guidance only. If you spot any hazards or you'd like us to check your fire safety equipment get in touch.

Full risk assessment completed by Construction Safety Limited, on behalf of Staffs Housing, April 2021. If you have any questions about this information please contact your housing officer.