

# Understanding your recent fire risk assessment

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Scheme name:  
Bletchley Avenue No 26

Date of Fire Risk Assessment: 08/05/19

The current evacuation policy for your scheme is:  
**Stay put (delayed evacuation)**

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## Who We Are

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Pennington Choices provides property surveying and consultancy services to organisations nationwide.

We provide fire risk assessments on behalf of your housing provider, Leeds and Yorkshire Housing Association (LYHA). Fire risk assessments are a legal requirement and are therefore a standard procedure and not a cause for concern. They also help your housing provider to identify what they need to do to further prevent fires and keep you safe.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 our assessor carried out a fire risk assessment at your scheme. The assessment was taken to identify and prevent any possible fire risks. These assessments will help LYHA to keep you safe and up to date on what to do if you do have a fire.

Should you have any queries then please contact:

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\*This report is intended for residents only

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# Why does my scheme need a fire risk assessment?

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All schemes that have communal areas, such as corridors and common rooms, are required under legislation to have a fire risk assessment completed.

These fire risk assessments should be reviewed regularly or if your scheme's communal area has had any changes made to it, for example, extensions and changes to the building layout.

The risk assessment will identify fire risks that may be present within your scheme / property and make recommendations for improvement, if needed.

The type of things the assessors will review are:

- Fire alarm and detection
- Emergency lighting
- Fire doors
- Compartmentation
- Firefighting equipment
- Escape strategies
- Signage (in communal areas)

Please note, not all of these things will be necessary in your scheme.

The risk assessor will establish a time period for when another risk assessment should be taken for your property based on the potential risks. This means you may not have had a fire risk assessment for up to three years previously or may not need another one for the next three years after this one. However, rest assured that the fire risk assessment is reviewed regularly during this period or when any major change takes place on your scheme.

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# Fire Risk Assessment and action plan

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A fire risk assessment is a lengthy and technical document, normally in excess of 30 pages. However, the most important part of the risk assessment is the action plan, which you will find a copy of below.

An action plan is created when your risk assessment is completed. The assessor will take an opinion of the risks at the time of the visit and make recommendations to make your scheme safer.

As you will see in the plan below, the risks range from high and medium to low. Alongside the noted risks are recommended dates for the risks to be addressed. Please note these dates are a rough guideline based on the opinion of the risk assessor.

LYHA have a remedial maintenance programme in place to achieve completion of your action plan therefore for practical reasons some actions may not necessarily be completed within the suggested dates below.

Any immediate risks (high priority) are flagged to LYHA immediately at the time of the inspection and therefore will be addressed as soon as possible.

If you would still like to view the whole risk assessment, you can request a copy from LYHA.



The table below show your scheme's action plan; the risks identified and suggestions as to how LYHA can fix them in line with current regulations:

Question	Risk Rating	Observations	Recommendations	Target Date
Are any of the occupants either disabled, in remote areas, young persons or at special risk for any other reason?	Medium	One resident occupying a flat specifically made the assessor aware of a disabilities that they thought would impede their ability to use from a window as an alternative escape route.	Arrange for a PEEPs document to be prepared and stored within the red fire box. As a consequence of the assessment make any reasonable adjustments to accommodate the residents disability.	10/08/2019
Is there suitable protection of escape routes?	Medium	The fire compartmentation between electrical distribution room and the common areas is incomplete. The holes made to pass electrical cables through have not been fire stopped adequately.	Fire stop the holes made to pass electrical cables through the electrical distribution room walls to at least a 30 minute fire resisting standard.	10/08/2019
Are procedures in the event of a fire appropriate and properly documented?	Medium	The current fire action notices describe a full evacuation procedure and instruct the residents to attempt to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher.	Replace the current fire action notices with new ones describing the 'stay put' procedure. Ensure that the notices do not instruct the residents to attempt fire fighting with portable fire extinguishing appliances (there are non provided or required).	10/08/2019

## General fire safety information

Many people worry about fires in the home, but with care and the correct measures, it can be prevented. LYHA do their part to keep you safe, but there are basic things you can follow to make sure your home is safe:

