

Understanding your recent fire risk assessment



Scheme name:
Elmete Way 57-67 (odds)

Date of Fire Risk Assessment: 09/09/19

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

Who We Are

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 9th September 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

Why does my scheme need a fire risk assessment?

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.

Fire Risk Assessment and action plan

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 |
|---|-------------|--|--|-------------|
| Based on a visual inspection of the premises are there any issues regarding compartmentation to the walls, floors, ceilings and voids above cross corridor doors etc.? | Low | There is a hole in the first floor landing where a conduit has been passed through. | Make good the hole with materials with a minimum of 60-minutes fire resistance. | 14/04/2020 |
| Are there any security grilles over any of the doors? | Low | There are security grilles fitted to flat XX and XX entrance doors. | As the security grilles may impede the escape of the flat occupants, consideration should be given to their removal. | 14/04/2020 |
| Could the rating of all fire doors/frames be clearly identified by certificates, stickers or plugs? | Low | The residents store rooms including the doors are of low fire resistance. | In the longer term, e.g. during the next block refurbishment, provide residents store rooms of a minimum of 30-minutes fire rated construction with certificated FD30S fire doors. Self closers will not be required if 'fire door - keep locked shut' signs are displayed. | 14/04/2020 |
| Can all doors be identified as being nominal FD30 or FD60 where required? | Medium | The electric meter cupboard including the doors are of low fire resistance. Residents occupying certain ground floor flats must either pass it directly or in close proximity in order to make their escape. | In the medium term, provide electric meter rooms of a minimum of 30-minutes fire rated construction with a certificated FD30S fire door. Self closers will not be required if 'fire door - keep locked shut' signs are displayed. | 14/01/2020 |
| If there is emergency lighting installed within the premises does it appear satisfactory taking into consideration changes in level, changes in direction and suitable illumination above any fire alarm call points, firefighting equipment and plant/machinery if applicable. | Low | Emergency lighting has not been provided within the common areas. The LGA guide recommends that emergency lighting is required in a premises of this size (the upper stories of the stairway have been enclosed to provide protection against the elements). | The provision of borrowed light from the municipal street lighting schemes can no longer be relied upon due to many councils switching it off during certain hours of the night as a money saving measure. Determine whether municipal street lighting is provided throughout the full duration of the night. If not, it is recommended that emergency lighting is provided. | 14/04/2020 |

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:

