

Our guide to fire safety in your home

Fire Facts

In the UK annually there are approximately 500 fire related deaths. The majority of these occur in the home between 12am and 6am when people are asleep.

An estimated 30% of the smoke alarms in the UK don't work due to missing, flat or disconnected batteries.

You only have minutes to escape a fire—every second counts. Smoke alarms give you advance warning of a fire and more time to react. Having a working smoke alarm has been associated with lower casualty rates and reduced damage to homes following a fire.

With a working smoke alarm you are four times more likely to survive a fire.

How to plan for the event of a fire

- Plan your escape
- If you live in a block of flats with a shared entrance check if your scheme has a 'stay put' or an 'immediate evacuation policy'. See www.lyha.co.uk/fire-safety-advice-flats-shared-entrance
- Fires happen when you least expect them and you will only have a short time to take action
- Think about how you would get out of your home if the normal way is blocked
- Keep all escape routes clear of rubbish or bulky items at all times
- Tell everyone in the house where the door and window keys are kept

Please Do.....

- Test smoke alarms weekly
- Replace the batteries of smoke alarms when needed or if there are problems with your mains powered smoke alarm contact us on 0113 2783335
- Plan your escape route
- Tell us and your local Fire and Rescue Service about anybody in your home who may not be able to escape in the event of a fire, for example, because of a disability

Please Don't.....

- Obstruct any escape routes from your home with rubbish or bulky items

Fire safety in your home



Make sure your home has a smoke alarm and you test it

Make sure there is at least one smoke alarm on each level



Never smoke in bed

Never smoke in an armchair if you think you may fall asleep

Do not leave a lit cigarette, pipe or candle unattended

Use deep ashtrays so that cigarettes cannot roll out, and do not throw hot ash into the bin

Keep matches and lighters well out of reach of children



Sit at least three feet away from heaters. Never put a heater near clothes or furniture



Don't overload electrical sockets



Take extra care cooking if you are tired or have been drinking

Never leave pans unattended when cooking

If a pan does catch fire:

Don't try to throw water on it—it will make it worse

Turn off the heat if you can do so safely. If you are in any doubt, leave the room, close the door and shout to warn others to get out. Call 999 immediately



Close all doors as this helps to prevent fire spreading

Switch off and unplug electrical appliances, except those that are meant to stay on, like the fridge

Check your cooker and heaters are turned off

Keep doors and window keys where everyone you live with can find them

If you have any concerns about fire safety in your home, please contact us immediately on: **Tel: 0113 278 3335** or **Email: info@lyha.co.uk**



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