

Fire Safety in High Density Living

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE



Respond immediately when alerted to a fire in your building. Escape to your pre-planned safe meeting place.



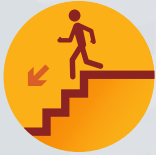
Close all windows and doors to stop smoke entering your apartment, if it's safe to do so.



Don't waste time trying to save valuables.



Stay calm and get everyone out as quickly as possible.



Don't use lifts in a fire. Use emergency exits or fire stairs. Fire stairs provide a path leading you to a safe place away from the building.



Get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000). Never go back inside a burning building.

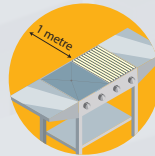
IF YOU CANNOT ESCAPE BY FIRE STAIRS:



Call Triple Zero (000) and tell the operator there is a fire in your building. Tell them your apartment number and that you are unable to get out safely. Then follow their advice.

FACT: A fire can become fatal in less than three minutes

SAFETY TIPS FOR THOSE IN HIGH DENSITY LIVING



Make sure BBQs and heaters on balconies are at least one metre away from all objects (including external walls). Turn off when not in use.



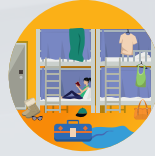
Know where the fire exits and fire stairs are located.



NEVER prop open fire doors or leave anything in fire stairs.



Make and practice an escape plan with your family. Decide on a safe meeting place outside and away from the building.



Do not overcrowd. Too many people living in one room increases the risk of fire.



Extinguish cigarettes properly in a deep ashtray.



Never leave your cooking unattended. Most fires in the home start in the kitchen.

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