

Fire Safety in Apartment Living

DID YOU KNOW?

Some residential apartment buildings under 25 metres are not required by law to have fire sprinkler systems, or alarm systems directly connected to the Fire and Rescue Service. As such, firefighters do not hold access keys to the building, and there may be no resident manager or 24hr building contact.



If there is a fire in your apartment or building, you need to evacuate, call Triple Zero (000) immediately, and meet firefighters with access keys.

WHAT TO DO IF THERE'S A FIRE



Get out immediately. Escape to your pre-planned evacuation point.



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



Don't waste time trying to save valuables.



Stay calm and get everyone out as fast as possible.



Don't use the lifts. Use emergency exits or fire stairs that lead to a safe place away from the building.

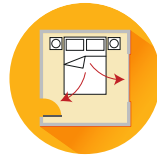


Get out, stay out, and call Triple Zero (000). Never go back inside a burning building.

SAFETY TIPS



Consider choosing a building representative to manage access keys and register their contact details with the fire service.



Make and practise an escape plan with your household and the building. Decide on a safe meeting place away from the building.



Know where the **fire exits** and **fire stairs** are located.



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



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



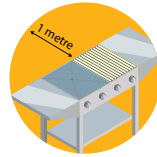
Never leave batteries and devices on to charge when you go out or go to sleep.



Never charge a battery or device (e.g. electric bikes and scooters) in an escape path, hall or doorway. You could be trapped if there is a fire.



Don't stop looking while you're cooking. Most fires at home start in the kitchen.



Make sure **BBQs and heaters** are at least one metre away from all objects (including external walls). Turn off when not being used.

Visit qfes.qld.gov.au or contact your local fire station for more information.