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## Do you know the plan for this building if there was a fire?

The fire strategy for the building is displayed on the notice board in the communal entrance, please ensure as a resident you familiarise yourself with this.

The fire strategy displayed in the communal entrance will either advise if the building can support a 'Stay Put' policy or an 'Evacuation' policy.

## If there is a fire or smoke inside your apartment;

- Get everyone out, close the door and walk as calmly as possible out of the building.
- Do not use the lift
- Call 999, give your address including the number of your apartment and state which floor the fire is on

## Stay Put

- This is a strategy that during a single flat fire, the occupants of that flat evacuate, and all other occupants are safe if they remain where they are
- A 'stay put' policy involves the following approach:
  - When a fire occurs within a flat, the occupants alert others in the flat, make their way out of the building and summon the fire and rescue service
  - If a fire starts in the common parts, anyone in these areas makes their way out of the building and summons the Fire and Rescue Service.
  - All other residents not directly affected by the fire would be expected to 'stay put' and remain in their flat unless directed to leave by the Fire and Rescue Service.

If the building is a 'Stay Put' this means that the building will give residents some protection from fire. Walls, floors and doors are designed to hold back flames and smoke for a minimum of 30 to 60 minutes.

## **'Evacuation' strategy**

In the event of a fire in the building, the communal alarm system will alert all residents to the fire and allow them to evacuate the building. The primary objective is to make sure all occupants can reach a place of safety outside the building.

- Do not use the lift
- Leave the building calmly upon hearing the alarm system sound and make your way to the 'muster' point which is noted on the fire strategy sign on the notice board.
- Call 999 and advise them of the fire

## **Fire safety**

Fire safety in your building is dependant upon good maintenance and housekeeping.

All flat doors and doors on corridors and staircases must be 'self closing' fire doors. If you see any communal doors which are in need of repair, please report this immediately to the main office. Fire doors must all 'self close' properly, and not be held or wedged open. They are designed to help stop the spread of fire.

Corridors, staircases and balconies must be kept clear of belongings or clutter, as this can block escape routes and stop fire fighters doing their job.

Do not store any combustible items or BBQ's on balconies.