

# FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS



## WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE



**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.



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



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



**Don't waste time** investigating what's happened or trying to save valuables.

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

## COMMON FIRES

**Don't overload power points and power boards** and check leads for damage or faults.



**Extinguish cigarettes properly** in a deep ashtray.



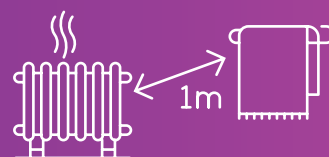
**Never use wheat bags in bed. Turn off electric blankets when not in use** and store correctly: roll, don't fold.



**Keep looking when cooking.** Never leave your cooking unattended. Most fires in the home start in the kitchen.



**Keep everything one metre from your heater** and switch off all heating devices when leaving the room.



In a life threatening emergency dial Triple Zero (000)



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## SMOKE ALARMS

Remember, only working smoke alarms save lives.

Have and maintain a working smoke alarm.



## IF YOU CANNOT ESCAPE BY FIRE STAIRS:



**Close all windows and doors** to stop smoke entering your apartment.



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



## HIGH-RISE FIRE SAFETY TIPS



**Know where the fire exits, fire stairs** and firefighting equipment 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 risk of fire.



**Make sure BBQs and heaters on balconies are at least a metre away from all objects.** Turn off when not in use.



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

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