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## Fire safety update

### Oakridge Towers



## Welcome to your Building and Fire Safety Newsletter for Autumn 2025.

### Fire safety update



As you will be aware we started our Fire Safety works on 22nd September, this will last for approximately 2 weeks. During this time, we will be looking to carry out compartmentation work on the riser cupboards and replacing some access panels. This work is being actioned as part of the Building and Fire Safety Investment Strategy.

### Need help evacuating in the event of a fire?

Part of our role is to ensure that you're able to safely evacuate your home in the event of a fire. If this is something you're concerned about, please contact us so we can create a personal evacuation plan if needed. If you have any questions, phone us on **0800 652 0898** or email:

[PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk](mailto:PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk)

### Fire door checks

We're continuing to complete quarterly checks on communal fire doors. Your next visit will take place week commencing 10 November 2025. Our contractor, Inline Safety, will also be knocking on some front doors to review the inside of the door to complete the fire door check. These checks are important, so please let them in, each front door needs to be checked once a year. Don't worry if you're not in, they'll try again on their next visit.

### Cooking safety tips

As the season changes, we might spend more time in the kitchen. So, it's a great time to remind ourselves of the importance of safe cooking.



- Never leave your cooking unattended
- Keep the space around your cooking appliances clear of flammable items – e.g. tea towels, paper, cables
- Open deep fat fryers are dangerous, so please refrain from using them
- Keep your cooking appliances clean, as a buildup of grease and fat can cause fires to start
- Never leave children or animals in the kitchen unattended

### Fire safety must-dos

- **Keep fire doors closed when not in use - please don't wedge them open**
- **Keep fire escapes free of any items, rubbish or clutter, ensure you store your possessions within your flat, or take to the bin store**

# Make sure you know what to do if there's a fire within Oakridge Towers



To protect yourself in the event of a fire, we need you to know what to do to keep yourself, your family and neighbours safe.

## If there's a fire in your own home:

- Quickly get out of the room where the fire is and close the door behind you
- Tell everyone in your home that there's a fire and to get out too
- Don't stop to get any of your things and shut the front door behind you
- Don't try to put the fire out yourself
- Wait outside away from the building and call the fire service on 999 immediately

The fire strategy for your block is 'stay put'.

## If there's a fire in the building (including in someone else's flat) here's what you need to do:

- Your building's designed to contain a fire inside the apartment where it started and protect you from the effects of smoke and fire
- If the fire isn't in your apartment, close all your doors and windows and stay inside
- Dial 999 right away, just in case the person whose apartment is on fire hasn't been able to
- If smoke or heat from the apartment on fire starts to affect your home then leave immediately, if it's safe to do so, or if the fire service tells you to leave

## Portable heaters

These can be so useful when you want to heat just one room, or you need some extra heat, but they need to be used carefully.

- Always turn them off when you leave the room
- Don't situate them closely to furniture, blankets or curtains, or use them to dry clothes
- They shouldn't be located by or in an escape route
- Don't leave children or animals next to a heater that's on
- Oil heaters should never be used

## Candles



Autumn brings with it so many changes to our lives. Not only do we spend more time in the kitchen, but as the nights grow darker, we like to create a cosy environment for us and our families.

Candles can be the go-to for these times, so let's be careful and look at other options available to us. For instance, a battery-operated candle is safer and provides a similar feel but without the risk. If you're going to use real candles, then please ensure you:

- Keep them on a flat surface and within a heat-resistant holder
- Extinguish them if you leave the room
- Don't locate them near drafts and materials like curtains or soft furnishings
- Never leave children or animals in a room with a lit candle
- Avoid using matches to light them, use a lighter instead

## Any questions?

If you have any questions about fire safety, please phone 0800 652 0898 or email: [firesafety@vividhomes.co.uk](mailto:firesafety@vividhomes.co.uk)