

Building and Fire Safety - Update

Bernie Tunstall Place

Great news!

We've now completed all fire safety improvement works for Bernie Tunstall Place.

Thank you for your patience during the work – we really appreciate it and hope you can see the positive difference!

Your new front doors are fire-rated, to offer you more protection. Please refer to the recent **Fire Door Do's and Don'ts** leaflet, which includes important information about your new door.

Revised building category

During a recent building fire strategy survey, Bernie Tunstall Place has been re-classed as a mid-rise building and is no longer classed as a tall tower building.

This change is because of the building's complex design. Floors/flats that span 2 levels - like 2 and 3, and 4 and 5 - are now officially counted as just one floor each.

This means there are now 5 floors in total, and the signage will be changed to reflect this.



Fire strategy change

We've upgraded the fire alarm system in the building, due to the complexity of Bernie Tunstall. As a result of this the fire strategy has been changed in line with the new system and the building.

So, moving forward, the fire strategy for your building will change to "Simultaneous Evacuation" as of 7 November 2025.

How does this impact you?

From 7 November 2025, if there's a fire inside your flat or elsewhere in the building, the alarm will sound, and **you'll need to evacuate** the building by the nearest fire escape. Please see the reverse for the fire action notice.

Person centered fire risk assessment

If you feel that you'd need help to evacuate, please get in touch with us so we can create a personal evacuation plan. If you have any questions, phone us on **0800 652 0898** or email:

PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk

Any questions?

We have a number of ways to get in touch - visit www.vividhomes.co.uk/contact-us If you have any questions regarding fire safety, please email firesafety@vividhomes.co.uk or phone 0800 652 0898

Frequently Asked Questions

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Why was Bernie Tunstall Place re-assessed? We regularly have all our buildings assessed to ensure the correct fire safety strategy is in place.

Will the new fire strategy place myself and my family at greater risk should a fire occur in the building? No – this strategy is there to increase your safety by promoting your need to evacuate if there was a fire in the building.

How do I know if I need a PCFRA? If you feel that you'd need help to evacuate, due to medical reasons, please get in touch with us to discuss further - 0800 656 2898 or firesafety@vividhomes.co.uk.

Is the detector in my flat connected to the fire alarm system? Yes – the new detectors installed are all linked to the fire safety panels on the ground floor and the system can then advise which detector's responded to heat/smoke in your flat. **Please don't disconnect your detector heads for any reason at all – disconnecting the batteries would not only put you at risk but also puts your neighbours at risk as well.**

What floor level is my flat on now? Ground floor is flats 1-7, floor 1 is flats 8-9, floor 2 is flats 10-12, 14 and flats 15-16 (on stairwell C), floor 3 is flats 17-19, floor 4 is flats 20-23, floor 5 is flats 24-26.

Your new fire action notice is as follows and will be found in the communal areas of your building.



FIRE ACTION

IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE IN YOUR HOME:

1. Leave the room where the fire is and close the door.
2. Leave your flat closing the flat front door behind you.
3. Leave the building by the nearest safe escape route.
4. Activate the nearest fire alarm call point.
5. Move to a safe distance away from the building.
6. Call 999.

ON HEARING THE ALARM:

1. Leave your flat closing the flat front door behind you.
2. Leave the building by the nearest safe escape route.
3. Move to a safe distance away from the building.
4. Call 999.

IF YOU HEAR THE FIRE ALARM SOUND AND YOU ARE NOT IN YOUR HOME:

1. Leave the building by the nearest safe escape route.
2. Move to a safe distance away from the building.
3. Call 999.



DO NOT take risks
DO NOT use the lift
DO NOT stop to collect personal belongings
DO NOT re-enter the building for any reason until authorised to do so by the Fire Service

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