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# Fire Safety

## Fire Safety Advice for apartments

Much of this information is supplied  
courtesy of the Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS).

Remember: almost all fires at  
home can be prevented.

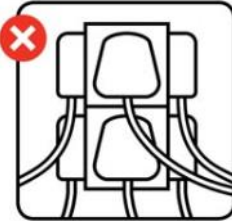


## THINGS TO AVOID



### SMOKING

Never smoke in bed. Don't smoke in a chair if you think you may doze and never leave a lit cigarette unattended. At night, ensure that cigarettes are extinguished and use a proper ashtray.



### ELECTRICITY

Don't overload sockets and make sure you use correct fuses. Don't dry clothes close to electric heaters.



### CANDLES

Choose metal candle holders, avoid placing them on plastic surfaces or near soft furnishings and never leave candles unattended



### NAKED FLAMES

Never let children play with matches or lighters and keep them out of site.



### DEEP FAT FRYING

use an electric deep fat fryer, not an open chip pan. Make sure food is dry before putting it into hot oil. If the oil starts to smoke, it is too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool down. Never throw water onto hot or burning oil.

## THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

### ALCOHOL

Half of those who have lost their lives in house fires have consumed alcohol. Take extra care if you have consumed any alcohol. Do not start cooking or frying food at night.

### COOKING

Keep towels and cloths away from the cooker. Check the cooker is off when you have finished using it. Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and free from grease.

### CLOTHES

If your clothes catch fire, lie down and roll around. Remember: **Stop! Drop! Roll!**

### SAFETY CHECKS

Make sure you have a fire safety routine at night to help keep you and your family safe. Switch off and unplug electrical appliances and portable heaters. Close all doors and check that the keys to doors and window locks are easily available. Smokers - make sure the content of ashtrays are cold when emptying. Check soft furnishings where people have been smoking.

### ESCAPE

If the fire alarm sounds, you cannot use the lift. You must evacuate the building using the stairs. Do not leave items in the corridors which could catch fire.

In the event of fire: **GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL NIFRS**

# Emergency Services contact numbers

## Police Service of Northern Ireland

**EMERGENCY? call 999**

Non emergency, call 101

[www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

## Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

**EMERGENCY? call 999**

Non emergency, call 028 9266 4221

[www.nifrs.org](http://www.nifrs.org)

## Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

**EMERGENCY? call 999**

Non emergency, call 028 7134 7134

[www.niamb.co.uk](http://www.niamb.co.uk)



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