

Safety in your building

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Grand Union Heights,
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Dear Resident,

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Fire safety guidance at Grand Union Heights

Smoking

As you may be aware **careless disposal of cigarettes is a very common cause of fires**. It has come to our attention that cigarette butts are being dropped in the courtyard area. This is not acceptable. Given the current issues with the external wall system we kindly ask you to smoke outside the premises completely or within your flat.

In March 2018, the London Fire Brigade reported that eight people died in the previous 12 months in smoking related fires in London, and from 2013-2018, 22 fires linked to smoking started every week in London. You can read the rest of the report here: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/news/2018-news/smoking-still-a-leading-cause-of-fatal-fires-warns-brigade-on-no-smoking-day/>.

It is important that we all play a part in ensuring these potential ignition sources do not cause a fire which could spread to the external wall of the building.

Items on balconies

We have already written to you about removing other combustible items from your balcony. We need your help to ensure the reduce of any fire spread is minimum. If you have any questions about what can and cannot be on your balcony, please email the Building Safety Team on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk. For more information about how you can keep you and your household safe, please contact us on **0300 373 3000** or visit our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/firesafety.

Fire strategy

The fire strategy at Grand Union Heights is **Simultaneous Evacuation**. This means all residents must evacuate immediately if the fire alarm sounds. The building is safe for you to occupy because of the measures we have in place – the new alarm system, the evacuation policy and evacuation managers. The evacuation policy has been put in place after recommendations from the London Fire Brigade and a qualified Fire Engineer.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely

Cameron Anterkyi
Resident Liaison Officer