

Safety in your building

7 February 2024

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Dear Residents,

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Fire Alarm Testing today between 1 and 2pm

We will be testing the new fire alarm system today, **Wednesday 7 February between 1pm – 2pm.**

The fire alarm will need to sound on multiple occasions, as part of the commissioning process. We apologise for any disruption this may cause to your day. If you experience no alarm sounding inside your home during this time, please contact us at buildingsafetyteam@networkhomes.org.uk.

You should only evacuate the building between 1 and 2pm if the alarm sounds for a prolonged period of time and/or the waking watch advise you to. To be clear, if you hear the alarm sound outside of the designated hours of 1-2pm, you should evacuate the building immediately – this includes if the alarm does not stop at 2pm on Wednesday.

General fire safety information

All escape routes must remain clear, so please ensure no items are left in the communal corridors or stairs. We will remove and dispose of all items in the communal areas. Flammable items such as BBQs, gas bottles, cardboard and packaging should not be stored in your home. You also should **never have a BBQ on your balcony** and try to **avoid smoking on your balcony** as the London Fire Brigade advise these are some of the leading causes of fire in blocks of flats.

Your fire strategy

Here's a recap of what to do if there is a fire in your flat, if you hear the alarm or the waking watch tells you to evacuate:

- If the fire is in your flat, leave your flat immediately closing the door behind you.
- If you hear the alarm or are told to leave, evacuate immediately closing all doors behind you as you leave your flat.
- Leave the building using the nearest staircase. This will be shown on the fire signage within your block. **Do not use the lift.**
- Call 999.
- Raise the alarm by pressing a manual call point. The call points are located at the final exits on each floor, this will alert others in the building.
- Call the Fire Brigade 999 and provide details of the building and severity of the fire to the emergency services.
- Gather at the assembly point **opposite Denchworth House** (map below). Wait at the assembly point until you are told by the fire brigade/warden/concierge to return to your home.



If you have any questions, contact us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk or **0300 373 3000**. Thank you for previously allowing us access into your homes to install the new fire alarm system and make these necessary safety improvements.

Yours sincerely

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