



Fire safety advice



Keeping your home safe from fire

About us



We are Hilldale Housing Association. We provide good housing to people who need extra support.



People who live in our housing are called **tenants**.



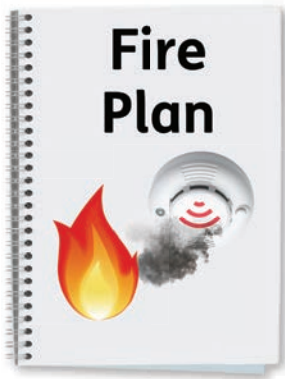
Some of our tenants live with other people and some live on their own.



We want to make sure all our tenants are healthy and safe in their homes.



It is really important that all tenants know what do if there is a fire in their home.



If there is a fire or you notice smoke you must follow the **fire plan** for your building.

This will tell you what you need to do.



Whoever supports you should help you understand the fire plan and show you what to do.

Our fire safety top tips



- test your smoke alarm every week.

If you are not sure how to do this please ask whoever supports you to show you.

You can also ask your Housing Officer from Hilldale



- always keep your front door shut and do not change it in any way.

For example, do not remove the arm on the top of the door that makes the door close.

Your door is there to protect you from fire. It will close on its own



- keep your doorways and hallways clear





- close all your doors when you go to bed. This will stop a fire from spreading



- have an escape plan so everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire



- do not leave the room when you are cooking



- do not start cooking if you are very tired or have been drinking or using drugs



- do not smoke or use candles. These things are not allowed in any of our homes



- make sure all of your electric equipment is checked to make sure it is safe to use.

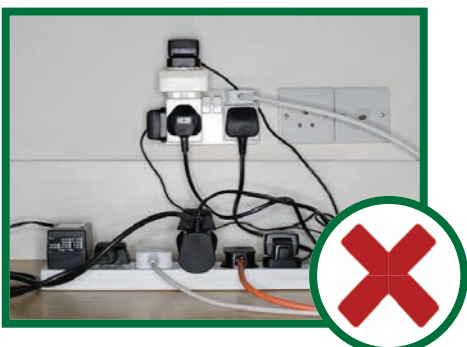
You need to look out for any wires that are worn, or if equipment gets too hot or sparks



- turn off things all electrical appliances at the plug.



- only put one plug in each **socket**. A **socket** is the 3 holes that you put plug into on the wall



- do not put too many plugs in an **extension lead**. This is a long wire with 3 or 4 plug sockets on it

Being fire safe in your building



As well as keeping your home safe, you also need to make sure the rest of the building is safe too.

You can do this by:



- not leaving objects or rubbish in any doorways, walkways or places that other tenants use



- making sure all doors in the building are always kept closed



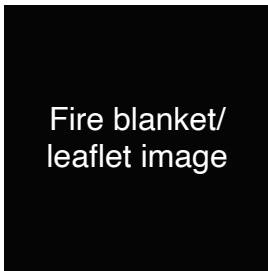
- not keeping things in your home that catch fire easily. This could be things like gas in a bottle or tin



- always make sure the way in to the building is kept clear.

This is in case emergency vehicles like ambulances and fire engines need to get in the building

Fire blankets and extinguishers



If you have a fire blanket, this can only be used once you have **read our leaflet**. This shows you how to use it properly.



Fire extinguishers are mental tanks that will put out a fire.



You should **not try to use these**. They can only be used by trained staff.



For more information

If you need any more information about fire safety, please ask whoever supports you.



You can also ask your Housing Officer from Hilldale.



We are here to help and give advice and support.