

VIVID

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Fire safety update

Bernie Tunstall



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As part of our wider fire safety investment strategy, we are currently reviewing Bernie Tunstall to establish what works in relation to the passive fire protection, if any, are required to be completed. This could include items such as changing the fire doors, renewing the fire stopping in cupboards or in the roof void, upgrading the communal emergency lighting or decommissioning the fire alarm in place, if no longer required.

Once we finish our review, we will look to instruct our contractors to complete any works as required. We will notify you before any work begins, to ensure you have the relevant information.

With this edition we are also including a Fire Safety Home User Guide. This is specific to your block and contains fire safety information to assist with keeping you and your family safe.

Battery operated devices



Mobility scooters, e scooters, e bikes and devices that use lithium-ion batteries are becoming more and more widely used and, with this, we are seeing more reports of fire related incidents within our homes.

Owners are responsible for their devices and must ensure they are charging these devices in the right area and whilst they are present.

The following must be adhered to at all times:

- Do not leave your scooter, bike or gadget in communal spaces
- Do not charge in communal spaces
- Remove the battery from the device to charge it where possible
- Only charge these items in your home
- Do not charge overnight or when you are out of your home
- Always use a manufacturer approved adaptor when charging

Fire safety must-dos

- Keep fire doors closed when not in use - please don't wedge them open
- Keep fire escapes free of any items, rubbish or clutter, ensure you store your possessions within your flat, or take to the bin store

Need help evacuating in the event of a fire?

Part of our role is to ensure that you're able to safely evacuate your home in the event of a fire. If this is something you're concerned about, please contact us so we can create a personal evacuation plan if needed. If you have any questions, phone us on 0800 652 0898 or email: PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk

Fire door checks

We are continuing to complete quarterly checks on communal fire doors. Your next visit will take place week commencing 12th August 2024. Our contractor, Inline Safety, will also be knocking on some front doors to review the inside of the door to complete the fire door check. These checks are important, so please let them in, each front door needs to be checked once a year. Don't worry if you're not in, they'll try again on their next visit.

Make sure you know what to do if there's a fire within Bernie Tunstall



To protect yourself in the event of a fire, we need you to know what to do to keep yourself, your family, and neighbours safe, if there's a fire in your home or your block.

If there's a fire in your own home:

- Quickly get out of the room where the fire is and close the door behind you
- Tell everyone in your home that there's a fire and to get out too
- Don't stop to get any of your things and shut the front door behind you
- Don't try to put the fire out yourself
- Wait outside away from the building and call the fire service on 999 immediately

The fire strategy for your block is 'stay put'.

If there's a fire in the building (including in someone else's flat) here's what you need to do:

- Your building's designed to contain a fire inside the apartment where it started and protect you from the effects of smoke and fire
- If the fire isn't in your apartment, close all your doors and windows and stay inside
- Dial 999 right away, just in case the person whose apartment is on fire hasn't been able to
- If smoke or heat from the apartment on fire starts to affect your home then leave immediately, if it's safe to do so, or if the fire service tells you to leave

This quarter's tips

- Unplug items that are not being used
- Don't leave mirrors on window sills, or in direct sunlight
- Never put glass ornaments or glass paperweights on window sills, or in direct sunlight
- Air freshener plug ins, should not be left on for long lengths of time, remember to turn them off when you go to bed, or you go out.

Keep your 'cool' in hot weather

Fingers crossed we are going to get a lovely summer and, if so, keeping cool is so important for our comfort. The following could help!

- Keeping your curtains shut in the daytime, with windows open will assist to keep the heat out, and opening your curtains at night will allow the breeze to come in, especially if several windows are open
- Invest in a good fan to keep cool but remember to turn it off when you are out
- Keep yourself and your family hydrated with lots of water
- Having windows open is lovely but it does attract and allow bugs, wasps and flies into our homes. Using Citronella is a great deterrent but it's a flammable substance in its purest form. Ensure you are using ones that are suitable for inside use and you place them on a non-flammable surface and out of the reach of children, pets and drafts

Any questions?

If you have any questions about fire safety, please phone 0800 652 0898 or email: firesafety@vividhomes.co.uk