

# VIVID Fire safety update

## Oakridge Towers

Autumn 2024



### Fire Safety morning

Our next drop-in session will be on Wednesday 23 October between 10am-12pm. Please do pop in and see your building and Fire Safety team, you will find us in the dining area. This is a great opportunity to speak about any concerns or queries that you many have and of course we will bring tea, coffee and a selection of biscuits.

### Fire Safety Update

In our last newsletter we advised of our fire safety investment strategy and the proposed structural surveys and what that may involve for Oakridge Towers. Please be advised this is still under review and once we have the finalised plan of works and dates, we will be in contact.

### Safe Cooking Tips



- Do not leave children unattended in the kitchen
- Do not cook if you're very tired, taking medication that makes you drowsy, or you've been drinking
- Do not leave cooking unattended
- Loose clothing can easily catch fire, take care not to lean over your hob whilst cooking
- Turn your hob and cooker off as soon as you've finished
- Check toasters are clean and not placed under kitchen units when in use
- Keep your oven, hob and cooker hood clean – buildup of fat and grease can ignite and cause a fire
- Make sure there's a clear and tidy space around all cooking appliances, to avoid a fire starting

### Hatched area – No Parking allowed

There is yellow hatched road marking to the front and side of Oakridge Towers. You shouldn't park your car(s) in this area in any circumstance. This is for the emergency services to use only.

### 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](mailto:PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk)

### Fire door checks

We are continuing to complete quarterly checks on communal fire doors. Your next visit will take place on 15 November 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.

### 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

# Make sure you know what to do if there's a fire within Oakridge Towers



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 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

**Oxygen cannisters** – If you or a member of your family have oxygen cannisters due to health reasons, please let us know urgently by calling 0800 652 0898 and asking for the Fire Safety team or email us at [PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk](mailto:PersonalEvacuationPlan@vividhomes.co.uk)

## Night-Time Checks



- Remember to turn off all power supplies, that do not need to run through the night
- If you smoke, check all cigarettes have been extinguished properly and placed safely, you can wet them to be sure
- Turn off any charge to phones, tablets, scooters, or mobility scooters overnight
- Close your internal doors at night-time, to prevent smoke from travelling if a fire starts
- Make sure any candles, incense sticks or oil burners are out
- Make sure you know where the front door keys are located and are accessible to everyone

## Any questions?

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