

Fire Safety in Apartment Living

DID YOU KNOW?

Some residential apartment buildings under 25 metres are not required by law to have fire sprinkler or fire detection systems directly connected to the fire department. As such, firefighters do not hold access keys to the building, and there may be no resident manager or 24hr building contact.

Queensland legislation requires that interconnected, photoelectric smoke alarms are installed in all bedrooms and hallways in rental apartments. Owner occupied apartments need to upgrade before 1 January 2027.



If there is a fire in your apartment or building, you need to evacuate, call Triple Zero (000) immediately, and meet firefighters at your Assembly Area with access keys.

WHAT TO DO IF THERE'S A FIRE



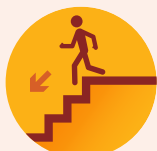
Get out immediately. Escape to your evacuation assembly area.



Close your front door as you leave your apartment to help stop the spread of fire.



Stay calm and get everyone out as fast as possible. Don't waste time trying to save valuables.



Don't use the lifts. Use emergency exits or fire stairs that lead to a safe place away from the building.



Get out, stay out, and call Triple Zero (000). Never go back inside a burning building.

SAFETY TIPS



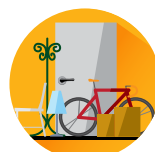
All occupants should be familiar with the building's written Fire and Evacuation Plan. It details evacuation procedures and the designated assembly area.



Make and practise an escape plan for your apartment. Make sure you attend your buildings annual evacuation exercise.



Know where the **fire exits** and/or **fire stairs** are located.



Never prop open fire doors or leave anything in fire stairs.



Do not overcrowd. Too many people living in one apartment increases the risk of fire.



Never leave batteries and devices on charge when you go out or are sleeping.



Never charge a battery or device (e.g. electric bikes and scooters) in an escape path, hall, or doorway.



Don't stop looking while you're cooking. Most fires at home start in the kitchen.

Visit qfes.qld.gov.au or contact your local fire station for more information.