



Fire Safety for Apartment Buildings

People living in an apartment building need to think ahead and be prepared in the event of a fire. It is important to know the fire safety features in your building and work together with neighbors to help keep the building as fire-safe as possible.

WHY ALARMS SOUND

- Smoke alarms detect smoke in the early stages of a fire and send an alarm to warn you of a fire in time to let you escape.



WHAT TO DO WHEN ALARMS SOUND

- Prepare to leave immediately
- Feel your corridor door
- If it is not hot, check the corridor for smoke
- If the corridor is clear, move to the stairwell
- Check stairwell for smoke
- If the stairwell is clear, go down to the ground floor and exit the building



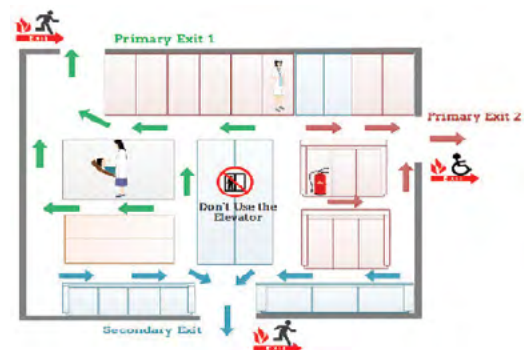
FIRE EXITS

- Know the locations of all available exit stairs from your floor in case the nearest one is blocked by fire
- Use the stairs to get out- never use the elevator unless you are directed to by the fire department
- Fire doors provide safety during the fire and slow the spread of fire and smoke. Never prop stairway or other fire doors open.



BE PREPARED

- Learn your building's evacuation plans. Make sure everyone knows what to do if the fire alarm sounds.
- Learn the sound of your building's fire alarm and treat all alarms as an emergency.
- Know at least two escape routes from your apartment.



AFTER THE EMERGENCY

- Once you are out of the building, **STAY OUT!** Do not go back in for any reason
- Only enter the building when the fire department tells you it's safe to do so.

MAINTAIN WORKING SMOKE ALARMS

- Test your smoke alarms once a month using the test button.
- Change the battery once a year
- Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility... Fire Stops With You!



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