



TENANTS GUIDE TO FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Every year in Scotland the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service attends to over 25,000 fires – these fires cause property damage and injury and in some cases they result in fatality. Langstane works hard to keep properties fire safe including:

- Regular servicing of communal fire safety equipment including emergency lighting, fire alarm systems, smoke ventilation systems and sprinkler systems
- Carrying out fire risk assessments for all communal areas and implementing any safety actions
- Carrying out electrical safety checks of properties and communal areas every 5 years

Between 2020 and 2022 we will be carrying out additional fire safety work including:

- Ensuring that all domestic properties have an enhanced smoke detection system
- Ensuring that all communal areas are covered by a smoke detection system
- Installing fireproof noticeboards to all communal areas to allow notices to be displayed safely
- Installing Fire Evacuation Notices to all communal areas

There are things that you can do to further improve the fire safety of your home and communal area:

In your home –

- Test your smoke detectors, heat detectors and CO detector weekly.
- Think about how you would escape from your home in an emergency and have clear routes of escape planned – the Fire Service recommend having two routes planned out of your home
- Never leave candles, cigarettes or chip pans unattended
- Never store flammable materials such as barbecue gas, pressurised cylinders, paint solvents and thinners or petrol / diesel driven equipment in your home or communal area

In your communal area –

- All internal communal areas are no smoking areas and this includes vaping
- Do not store bikes, prams, shoes, rubbish bags or any other items in communal areas. These will be removed as they present a fire risk and can block escape routes
- Report any damage to block entrance doors, fire doors, plasterboard, fire signage, emergency lighting etc. to Langstane so that we can arrange a repair

The Fire & Rescue Service offer lots more advice on keeping your home safe from the risk of fire. To arrange a Home Fire Safety Visit call 0800 0731 999 or text 'FREE' to 80800. They also offer lots of detailed guidance and a Fire Self-Assessment tool at www.firescotland.gov.uk