

## Tenant Information – Fire Safety

Did you know that you can reduce the risk of fire in your home by taking some simple steps. This will make your home a safer place to live.

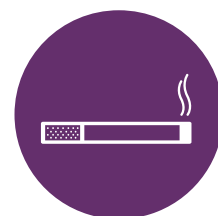
### When you go out, go to bed or go on holiday:

- Close all internal doors – this helps stop fire and smoke from spreading
- Unplug electrical items that are not designed to be left on
- Turn off items which are on 'standby' or 'charging'
- Make sure the cooker is off
- Turn off electric blankets if you have them
- Turn off tumble dryers



### General fire safety tips

- Be careful when using candles, oil burners and things like these, keep them away from items that might catch fire. Do not leave them unattended
- Do not overload electrical sockets or extension cables
- Know where your door and window keys are so that you can locate them in an emergency situation
- Extinguish cigarettes completely and be careful when you dispose of them
- Do not smoke in communal areas of multi tenanted building
- Be careful of what you put in microwaves
- Do not prop open fire doors – these are designed to protect you in case of a fire
- Check your smoke alarms weekly and report any defects



## Evacuation planning for an emergency

- Plan your escape route from your home, have more than one if possible
- Keep these routes free from obstacles
- If you live in a multi-tenanted building make yourself aware of the fire escape routes and where the fire call points are
- If you live in a multi-tenanted building leave the property when the fire alarm goes off as you do not know when it may not be a test
- If you live in a multi-tenanted building contact your Housing Officer if you have mobility issues which would prevent you from being able to leave your home without assistance in an emergency



## In an emergency

- Get out the property
- Phone 999 for the fire service
- Close doors and windows on the way out if safe to do so
- Do not open doors that feel warm
- If you cannot get out, get together in 1 room and call 999
- Seal the bottom of the door of the room you are in with a wet towel or sheeting if you can safely do so
- Open the window of that room if possible and try and attract the attention of emergency services



**If you have any questions or concerns regarding fire safety please contact your Housing Officer.**