

Tenant Information – Fire Safety

What is a fire door and why is it important?

A fire door is the same as a normal door but in the event of a fire it is specially designed to delay the spread of fire and smoke. They also minimise the spread of toxic smoke. Toxic smoke can cause disorientation, breathing problems and lack of visibility.

Fire doors are important because they provide extra time for you to escape.

Do I have fire doors in my home? Do I have to have them?

Fire doors are present in multi-occupied buildings where there is common space. This means that if you live in a flat with a communal corridor or you live in supported accommodation and have your own room but other facilities are shared then you will have some fire doors.

It is a legal requirement for you to have some fire doors if you live in a multioccupied building with common spaces.

How do I recognise a fire door?

The main door from your private space onto the communal space will be a fire door. This door should also have a self closing device fitted to the top.

Fire doors have a minimum 3 sets of hinges.

What should I do or not do if I have one or more fire doors?

Do not prop open your fire door. It can damage the door and closer.

- Do not tamper with, hang things off or tie things to the self closing mechanisms on fire doors. The mechanisms are there to ensure they close once opened and remain closed when shut. Tampering with them may cause them to malfunction.
- Do not kick the door
- Do not drill into, nail into or affix things to the door
- Do keep your fire door closed at all times when not being walked through
- Do treat your fire door with care. It is there to protect you.
- Do immediately report any damage to your fire door, its frame or its closer. Repairs should be emailed to repairsandmaintenance@papworthtrust.org.uk or called through to 0330 678 0008 option 1

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