

# Fire Safety

## Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke

### Safety Hazards & Tips

- Have smoke alarms in or by each bedroom.
- Electrical cords running under rugs can start fires. Keep electrical cords in good condition.
- Don't overload outlets.
- Keep space heaters in good condition and at least 3 feet away from materials and combustibles
- Fully extinguish smoking material and candles.
- Don't leave stoves unattended when in use.
- Don't use oven as storage space.
- Be sure to fully extinguish any item before putting in trash and dumpsters.
- Clean out dryer lint traps.
- Supervise pets & children near stoves and flames
- Keep fire escape and stairwells unobstructed.
- Don't prop open exit or stairway doors. These are installed to slow the spread of heat and smoke if there is a fire.

### Make sure your condo has working smoke alarms.



Have a smoke alarm in or by each sleeping room. Test them every month. Replace the batteries twice a year.

### Be Prepared

Create an escape plan. Discuss how you will get outside. Practice your plan.

- Keep a small general purpose (ABC) fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
- Know the location of the fire alarm and fire extinguishers near your unit.
- Know where all the exit doors and stairs are on your floor.
- If you cannot exit without help, have a plan already in place for emergency assistance.
- Speak to condo manager if you see a damaged smoke alarm, fire extinguisher or an emergency light that has burned out.

### Stay Calm

In the event of a fire, stay calm. Move to the exit as you have practiced. Pull fire alarm or call the fire department once you are outside.

- If your door feels warm to the touch, do not attempt to open it. Call 9-1-1 and tell the dispatcher your condo number and that you can't open your door.
- If your condo door is cool to the touch, open it slowly. Stay low and check for smoke or fire in the hallway. If it is safe, follow your evacuation plan.
- Close your door & windows when you leave.
- If you cannot exit safely, call 9-1-1, wait at a window or balcony and signal for help with a flashlight or by waving a white cloth. Stuff the cracks around the door with towels, rags, bedding, or tape. Cover vents.
- Alert and help your neighbors if you can so safely.
- Never use an elevator to escape a fire. Always use the stairs.

### Wait Outside for the Fire Department

Once you are outside, move away from the building. Give firefighters and fire trucks plenty of space.

- Meet the fire department and help direct them to the fire.
- Stay outside. Do not go back inside for any reason.
- If you think someone is still inside, tell firefighters where you think they are.
- Wait until firefighters tell you it's safe to go back inside.