

FIRE SAFETY FACT SHEET



In case of a fire, get out, stay out and call 000. Never go back inside a burning building.

Smoke alarms

- Working smoke alarms saves lives. Do not remove them or cover them.
- Please check your smoke alarm regularly. If your smoke alarm is beeping it may be faulty or need a new battery - you should call us.
- Please help SGCH protect you and your family by letting our contractor in to service your alarm/s.



Clear Exits

- Unlock deadlocks when you are at home, or at least make sure keys to all locked doors are readily accessible in case you need to escape.
- Reduce clutter in your homes and ensure your personal items are not blocking windows and doors which you may need to use to exit your home.

Have an escape plan

- Familiarise yourself with where the fire exits are in your building, make sure you have a written escape plan and practice it regularly.
- Don't use a lift in a fire - use the emergency exit/stairs.



Fire Safety Doors

- Ensure that you keep fire safety doors closed at all times and do not use anything to hold the doors open.
- Fire doors and fire stairs must not be blocked at any time. They need to be clear for use in an emergency. If you have anything stored in fire exits, remove it and if you see any items stored in or near fire exits or stairs, let us know straight away.
- As you escape make sure you close internal doors behind you to prevent the fire from spreading.

Safe habits

- Never smoke in bed and take extra care if consuming alcohol while smoking.
- Always keep lighters and matches away from children and educate them that they are "tools not toys" that should only be used by responsible adults.

Keep looking when cooking

- Do not use gas cookers inside and never leave cooking or other open flames unattended. This includes candles and oil burners.
- If you have a gas, electric or wood BBQ always check that it is in safe working order before lighting and that it is operated by a responsible adult. Never use water to put out a fat or oil fire.



Safe storage of hazardous materials

- Do not store gas (LPG) bottles inside your house or garage. Fumes can escape and cause an explosion.
- If you have a garage or shed remember to take extra care with any stored chemicals and fuels. Always refuel mowers and edgers when they are cold and in the open.



For your type of home

High rise buildings

- Do not store combustible material on your balcony.
- Do not hang or install privacy screens on your balcony (e.g. bamboo or plastic screens). These could assist a fire in spreading throughout the building or cause secondary fires.



Electrical appliances

- Clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer every time you use it.
- Take extra care when using heaters during winter. Ensure oil or gas heating units receive regular maintenance checks. Do not put clothing over a heater to dry and do not leave a heater on if you are not in the room.
- Oil or gas heating units may require a yearly maintenance check.
- Do not overload powerpoints and switch off appliances when not in use.



- Never use a lift if there is a fire. Lifts are not smoke or fire resistant.
- Never place burning or hot materials, flammable liquids or oily rags into garbage chutes.

Bushfire Zones

- If you live in a bushfire prone area keep the ground around your home clear of leaves and other litter and remember to clean your gutters regularly.

