



Fire Safety



We have a legal obligation under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to manage the safety of communal areas and to make sure there are no obstructions that make it difficult to get out of the building.

Why do communal areas need to be kept clear?

Corridors, stairwells, landing and final exits all serve as part of the escape route out of the building. Items stored or placed in a communal area present two major safety issues:

- obstruction when evacuating the building in the event of an emergency
- secondly it may present a fire risk by either being the source of ignition, becoming the fuel that sustains a fire or by giving off toxic fumes and smoke when alight

Both can hinder the ability of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in an emergency situation.

Communal corridors, service cupboards and stairwells should not be used as extra storage space for your home.

We operate a zero tolerance to the placing and storage of items in communal areas.

Items that are not allowed to be placed or stored in communal areas include but are not limited to: pushchairs, bikes, mobility scooters, shopping trolleys, shelving, pots, ornaments, chairs, ladders, decorating equipment, furniture, any electrical appliance.

Eildon have the right to remove any items in common areas that are deemed a risk to the safety of residents and visitors to the building.

If unclear on any of the above or would like storage advice please contact your housing officer. We would also encourage you to book a free home fire safety visit with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service by phoning **0800 0731 999 - see information overleaf.**

*See it
Say it!*

You have a responsibility to report anything you see that could impact on the safety of your household and other tenants in your building. Examples might include, a fire door not closing properly, an accumulation of rubbish in the stairwell.

If you have any concerns regarding fire safety in your building please contact us on:

03000 200 217 or **reportrepair@eildon.org.uk**.

The common stair is your only means of escape in the event of a fire.



Have you ever thought what you would do if fire were to break out in your stair? It may not necessarily be in your flat! A fire started in a common stair could kill you and your family. Even a small bag of rubbish can create enough smoke to fill a whole stair. Items left in a common stair are often deliberately set on fire.

Keep it clear

- Get rubbish, old furniture, etc out of the building
- Make sure storage areas are kept locked
- For advice on uplifting items contact your local Council

If fire does start

- Keep doors closed to prevent smoke filling your house
- Dial 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service, giving as much information as you can



For free home fire safety advice
CALL 0800 0731 999
or visit our website at
www.firescotland.gov.uk



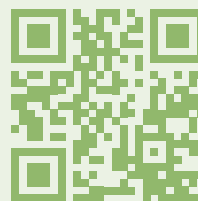
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How to Contact Us

We welcome your feedback – there are many ways to let us know what you think.

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