

## Building safety: what you need to know



### What should I do in the event of a fire?



**Stay Put in the event of an emergency unless the fire is in your flat or the Fire and Rescue Service tells you to leave your flat.**

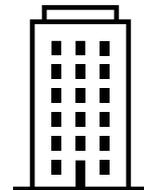
Your building is designed and built to withstand the effects of fire for a period of time and fitted with equipment to slow the spread, you can find out more about this overleaf.

**If you're in any doubt, get out.**

If you have a disability or mobility issue that may prevent you evacuating your home in the event of an emergency, please let us know so we can notify the local fire service of your circumstances for them to develop plan to get you to safety.

### How do you keep my building safe?

**Communal area inspections** are carried out monthly. If you want us to look at anything specific or you'd like to meet with us whilst we're on site, please do get in touch by emailing [fire@thrivehomes.org.uk](mailto:fire@thrivehomes.org.uk).



**Fire door inspections** for communal area doors take place every three months to ensure they are working as they should. We will also contact you to arrange an appointment to inspect your flat entrance door every six months.

**Electrical safety checks** are carried out in your property every five years.

**Fire Risk Assessment** is carried out on an annual basis; a summary is available to view on our website at: [thrivehomes.org.uk/stjohnsroad](https://thrivehomes.org.uk/stjohnsroad)

### What can I do to keep my building safe?

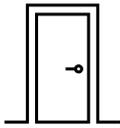


Working together, we can ensure the health and safety of everyone in your building and keep service charges down.

One of the main ways you can help is by keeping communal areas clear. If you identify an issue in your building, please report it to us straight away on **0800 917 6077**.

## The safety equipment in your building

### Fire doors



**Your front door and all doors in the communal area are fire doors** and will resist fire for at least 30 minutes which allows enough time for the fire and rescue service to attend an incident. They act as a barrier to help contain the fire to one area and prevent it from spreading.

These can only do their job when they are kept shut and when the door is not modified from its manufacturer's condition. Please ensure:

- your door closer is fully attached
- none of the components such as the letter box or peephole have been removed or changed
- you haven't drilled or screwed anything into the door such as a Ring Doorbell or Christmas wreath.

Doing so damages your door and stops it operating as it should by increasing the chance of smoke or fire spreading

### Smoke and CO2 Alarms



**Your flat has its own smoke and carbon monoxide alarm.** Please test these weekly and let us know straight away if you find any issues by calling **0800 917 6077**.

### Premises Information Box



**A Premises Information Box (PIB)** is located in the lobby and contains key information for the fire brigade e.g. floor plans and locations of services. This is for the use of the fire and rescue services only.

### Dry riser



**The dry riser** in your building provides the emergency services with access to pump water into the building in the event of a fire.

### Emergency lighting



**Emergency lighting** is installed to help support evacuation in the event of an emergency where all other power goes off.

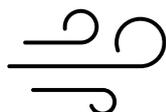
## Sprinklers



**The block benefits from sprinklers installed throughout the flats and communal areas.**

Each sprinkler protects the area directly below and is activated by heat. Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire.

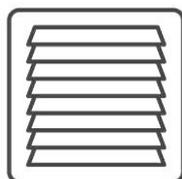
## Automatic Opening Vents



**The block has two types of Automatic Opening Vents.**

- 1) at the top of the stairwell is an opening sky dome.
- 2) on each floor there is an opening Louvre window. Both types open upon automatically when smoke is detected in the communal areas. Natural extraction is used to keep the stairwell and floors clear from smoke.

## Smoke shaft



**Smoke shaft in Taylor Point**

Located next to the lift in a metal paneled opening and runs the full height of the building. The vents open individually when smoke is detected on a particular floor. Natural extraction is used to keep the corridor clear from smoke.

To make sure you always have access to the latest safety information for your building, we've put together a wealth of resources on our website and you can access this at: [thrivehomes.org.uk/homesafety](https://thrivehomes.org.uk/homesafety)

If you need any of this information in hardcopy, it is readily available to download and print at home from our website or you can contact us to arrange a copy to be sent to you.

**Want to know more about how we keep you safe in your building? Find out more at: [thrivehomes.org.uk/safety-approach](https://thrivehomes.org.uk/safety-approach)**