



Blackpool Coastal
Housing

FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION ADVICE



Keeping homes safe and well maintained


Introduction



Fire safety in the home is extremely important and Blackpool Coastal Housing works hard to maintain the highest levels of safety in all our customers' homes. In this guide we will cover some basic details that when followed will assist you in continuing to maintain a safe home by helping you to:

- 1 Highlight and be aware of the causes of fire risks within your home
- 2 Know what to do to reduce or prevent these risks from fire
- 3 Regularly check smoke alarms and have a plan for escape in the event of a fire breaking out

Please follow this guidance to make sure that you are helping to keep yourself, your family and your neighbours safe.

If you would like to receive a free Home Fire Safety Check from Lancashire Fire and Rescue, or have a disability and need further advice regarding an escape plan, please contact them using the details here 

General Home Fire Safety

DO



- ✓ Turn off appliances when not in use and not on standby
- ✓ Put out cigarettes properly by using a glass or covered metal ashtray and double check before bed
- ✓ Keep matches safely stored out of reach and sight of children
- ✓ Use candles and incense sticks only in holders and on flat non-flammable surfaces
- ✓ Be careful when cooking with oil and stay in the room
- ✓ Close all internal doors when going to bed or leaving the house
- ✓ Test smoke alarms monthly
- ✓ Close doors at night or other times when you are sleeping



<https://hfsc.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/>



0800 1691125

LFRS logo relates to Home Fire Safety Check info only



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

DO NOT



- ✘ Overload electrical sockets
- ✘ Leave rechargeable items continually plugged in e.g. mobile phones, tablets, laptops, children's toys
- ✘ Smoke in bed
- ✘ Leave lit candles unattended or near curtains or materials that can catch fire
- ✘ Leave cooking unattended, especially where children are present
- ✘ Overfill chip pans or throw water onto a chip pan fire
- ✘ Block escape routes inside your home
- ✘ Remove or tamper with items provided for your safety including smoke alarms, fire doors, emergency lighting etc
- ✘ Keep or store flammable or explosive substances in your home including bottled gas, paraffin, petrol, thinners



Housing Block Safety

Your building has been designed and built with Fire Safety in mind.

The walls and doors between flats' stairs and corridors are specially designed to resist fire and stop the spread of smoke.

All flats are fitted with fire doors.

Blocks are fitted with fire doors & self-closers to communal areas as well as intumescent strips (fire door safety seals) and cold smoke seals which, in the event of fire, will prevent the spread of smoke and flames.

For shared areas of a building, please refer to the Management of Communal Areas Policy for any additional requirements.

Your home should be fitted with a smoke alarm. If this is not the case please contact us



Report any damage to fire doors or glass in your block as soon as possible:

 **01253 477900 option 2**

 **repairse@bch.co.uk**

E-battery safety



Mobility scooters, e-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular. Most use lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. However, these batteries pose significant risks if not handled correctly as they can overheat and catch fire or explode.



- Mobility scooters, e-scooters and e-bikes must only be stored and charged in your own property or in an agreed purpose built outside space
- They must not be stored or charged in communal areas (shared space with other residents)
- When charging, exit routes must remain clear to enable you to evacuate the property safely, should there be a fire
- Ideally, charging should be in a contained room with the door closed
- There should be a smoke alarm/detector in the room
- Do not leave chargers unattended or on when you are sleeping or going out

For further information and advice please visit www.bch.co.uk/my-home/safety-in-the-home/mobility-scooters-e-scooters-and-e-bikes or scan the QR code.



For information about the use of e-scooters and e-bikes in public, visit www.lancashire.police.uk

Evacuation

What to do if a fire breaks out in your flat:

DO



- ✓ Leave the room immediately and close the door behind you
- ✓ Alert any other people in the flat and ask them to leave the flat immediately
- ✓ Leave the flat and when everyone is out close the front door
- ✓ If you have to leave the building use the stairs only
- ✓ Call the fire service dialling 999. It is your responsibility to contact 999

DO NOT



- ✗ Attempt to tackle the fire yourself
- ✗ Use balconies which are not part of an escape route
- ✗ Use lifts unless instructed to by the Fire Brigade
- ✗ Return to your flat until told it is safe to do so by the Fire Brigade



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