

# Fire Safety Advice for your home.

Information and practical advice including Woven & tenant responsibilities around fire safety in the home.

FIRE SAFETY

**Fire safety** refers to the set of legal, technical, and practical measures designed to **prevent fires, protect residents, and ensure safe evacuation in the event of a fire**. It is governed by several key regulations and standards, particularly for properties managed by housing associations or the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

## Woven's Responsibilities



**Smoke Alarms:** Woven ensures that smoke alarms are installed in all properties and tested during annual servicing visits. These alarms are vital for early detection of fire and provide tenants with crucial time to evacuate safely.



**Fire Risk Assessments:** These are regularly conducted in communal areas, apartment buildings, and properties with shared facilities. Assessments identify potential hazards and ensure that fire safety measures are up to date and effective.



**Fire Doors & Equipment:** Fire doors, extinguishers, and equipment are maintained to ensure they function correctly in an emergency. Fire doors are designed to slow the spread of fire and smoke, giving occupants more time to escape.

## Tenant Responsibilities



**Test Smoke Alarms Weekly:** Test smoke alarms once a week to ensure they are working properly. Faults or missing alarms should be reported immediately to Woven. Tenants are responsible for changing low/depleted batteries.








**Keep Escape Routes Clear:** Hallways, stairwells, and exits must be kept free of clutter and personal items. Obstructions can delay evacuation and hinder emergency services during a fire.







**Know Your Escape Plan:** Every household should have a clear escape plan. All occupants should know the quickest and safest way to exit the property in case of fire, including alternative routes if the main exit is blocked.




## KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY

-  Never leave cooking unattended—most house fires start in the kitchen.
-  Keep flammable items such as tea towels, paper towels, and curtains away from the hob.
-  Clean grease and food residue from cookers and extractor fans regularly to prevent ignition.
-  Turn off appliances when not in use, especially before leaving the house or going to bed.
-  Never use water on oil fires. Turn off the heat and cover the pan with a lid or fire blanket to smother the flames.

## IF THERE IS A FIRE

-  Get out, stay out, and call 999. Do not attempt to fight the fire yourself.
-  Close doors behind you as you leave to help contain the fire and reduce smoke spread.
-  Use stairs, not lifts, during evacuation. Lifts may fail or become dangerous in a fire.
-  Do not re-enter the building for any reason until emergency services declare it safe.

## IF YOU LIVE IN AN APARTMENT

-  Follow your building's specific fire evacuation plan. This may differ depending on layout / fire safety design.
-  Keep communal areas, stairwells and corridors clear at all times to ensure safe passage during emergencies.
-  Do not wedge open fire doors—they are essential for containing fire and smoke.

## FREE FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) offers free home fire safety visits. These include advice on fire prevention, checking smoke alarms, and helping you create a personal escape plan.

### Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

EMERGENCY? call 999

Non emergency, call 028 9266 4221 [www.nifrs.org](http://www.nifrs.org)

### Police Service of Northern Ireland

EMERGENCY? call 999

Non emergency, call 101 [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

### Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

EMERGENCY? call 999

Non emergency, call 028 7134 7134 [www.niamb.co.uk](http://www.niamb.co.uk)



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