

Help to prevent fires and their consequences!

Most fires in homes can be prevented by observing a few important rules:

- Never leave candles or open fires unattended
- Never smoke in bed
- Do not store flammable items, pushchairs or similar in stairwells or cellar corridors as these are popular with arsonists
- Never conduct work on electrical cables or similar without proper knowledge of what you are doing
- Never cover lamps or electric heaters with fabric items – these can burn•
- Tell your family what to do in the event of a fire
- Never park on fire brigade access routes or in areas for the fire brigade

There's a fire – what should I do?

If a fire breaks out, the first thing you should do is call the fire brigade on the emergency number 112. Once you have reported the fire, the fire brigade will attend within a matter of minutes.



- Remain in your apartment. Do not try to escape down the stairs as this can be fatal
- Close the door to your apartment so that the smoke cannot get in
- Call the fire brigade and wait by the window or on the balcony. The air is fresher here and the fire brigade can see you more easily. The fire brigade will save you. 'Emergency hoods' are usually used for this. These are pulled over your head and have a respiratory filter so that you can still breathe even in smoke-filled rooms. The fire brigade will then lead you safely down the stairs and outside. Children or people who are injured will be carried if they are unable to walk
- Do not try to lower yourself or even jump from a window. The fire brigade will help and save you



- Leave your home as quickly as possible, taking your family to safety
- On leaving your home, close the door so that the smoke and fire cannot spread any further. This provides a safe escape route for you and others
- Do not use lifts as you may be suffocated by smoke
- Warn your neighbours
- Once outside, call the fire brigade on 112 and wait for it to arrive