

Fire safety: keeping you and your neighbours safe

Islington Council takes our responsibility for your safety very seriously. We follow advice from the London Fire Brigade and the government to keep our residents safe. Here is a reminder of how you can help:

Please keep communal areas clean and clear: All communal areas like landings, stairs, corridors and walkways must be clear always. You cannot keep buggies, bicycles or any household goods in any communal areas, as they are fire hazards. The area outside your property must also be clean and clear at all times. Call us if you would like more information about storage options on your estate.

Please move your things quickly if we ask you to: Your Area Housing Officers check communal areas regularly to make sure they are clear. If we find anything which should not be there, we will try to find out who it belongs to and ask them to move it. If we cannot speak to them in person, we will leave a note saying they have two days to move the item. If it is not moved within 48 hours, the Area Housing Officers will move it and it might be thrown away.

Don't store combustible things in store cupboards: Please move anything combustible as soon as possible, as it is a fire hazard. If you need advice about storage, please give us a call. We may ask to check your storage cupboard for combustible material. Please help us out by letting us have a look – we are only checking to keep you safe.

Don't fit metal security doors: You need Building Control consent, and planning permission from your Tenancy Management Officer to fit metal security doors. In most cases we do not recommend that residents fit metal security doors, as they make it more difficult for the fire brigade to get into your property if there is an emergency. If you do have a gate installed – with or without permission - please contact us so we can advise about improving its safety. We can also help you remove the doors.

Keep rubbish/recycling chutes clear: Make sure your bag is small enough to go down the chute – carrier bag size is ideal. Do not leave any bags around the chutes as this is dangerous. If you have bigger bags of rubbish or recycling, please take these down to the larger bins on the estate.

Large items: If you need to dispose of larger household items please contact your local area housing office or caretaker to find out where your collection point is. Your caretaker can also help make sure items are stored safely and that items are collected from the collection points.

Don't have barbecues: You cannot have barbecues on balconies or communal areas, as they are a fire hazard.

We want to work with you to make sure your estate is as safe as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please call your Area Housing Office and we will be happy to help.