

## **Video transcription - Fire safety in flats and shared buildings**

Caption be prepared get fire smart.

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What we can learn from a fire drill.

A fire engine with lights flashing pulls up outside a shared building.

A firefighter withdraws a hose from the engine whilst others prep their kit.

A group of firefighters prep their kit next to the engine.

Two firefighters pick up a hose and enter the main entrance of the shared building.

Station Commander, Matt Scott speaks to camera.

“We've learned a few things from our training tonight. The first of which is it's really good to use a completely realistic venue.

Crews train all the time and places that are quite often simulated. So it's been very useful to come here tonight into what is real bricks and mortar standing around us. We've also been able to interact with the residents of the property where they're able to see what the fire service do. They're able to see what we expect them to do as well and they're able to be reassured that we are able to search a property.”

Two firefighters inside the property carefully open a door as they enter the room smoke billows around them as they search the area.

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“There are a few bits of information that are really relevant to somebody who lives in a property like this, especially where there's communal areas. A lot of the things are the same as you would do in any kind of domestic property. If you find a fire you need to do something about it, you need to act on it.

We need you to phone 999 you need you to raise the alarm. Assuming that the fire alarm is going to alert us you can do more than that. You can phone 999 yourself and get us here. We'll still want people to join in with any pre-planning that's going on in a property if there are evacuation drills and there are things going on that are going to help make decisions about what you do and where you go in an emergency. We need residents to join in that pre-planning.

We need them to know their exits as a consequence if they've pre-planned well, they'll know where their exit's going to be and they'll know the easiest way out of their property. We need to make sure they don't use the lifts during that process as well. We don't really want people trying to use a lift that might have a problem because there's a fire. So those two things are really specific, are really important for us.

Some more general advice is to keep your corridors nice and clear as well. So if you've got to get out of a property, there's nothing in the way while you're doing it and keep your doors shut as well. So if there is a fire it's held back by any kind of doors or precautions that built into the property.

The other aspect to whether or not your property has a stay put policy. The important thing is you just follow it. If there is a stay put policy; stay put and if there is an evacuation policy; then evacuate. Just do the thing that is relevant to your own property so that when we arrive we know that's what's happening.”

Get fire smart:

- Know the fire safety arrangements for your building.
- Know your exits and make an escape plan.
- Join in with any fire drills or other exercises.
- Keep corridors and exits clear.
- Keep doors closed, especially fire doors.
- Call 999 if there's a fire.
- Never use the lift to escape if there's a fire.