

Fire Doors

Why are they important?

Fire doors prevent the spread of smoke and fire, allowing residents and visitors to escape. They will also protect Firefighters as they work. As long as they are in good condition.

Where will I find a fire door?

If your home shares an escape route with others, your front door should be a fire door. It should be able to close on its own when released.

Other fire doors can be found in escape routes, such as those separating corridors and staircases. These doors should also be able to close on their own.

Service cupboards such as electrical cupboards are required to be locked shut when not in use. If you have access to these doors, it is important that you lock them.

Your responsibilities?

- Understand the importance of these doors
 - Don't do anything that can prevent them working, such as:
 - Don't wedge them open, keep doors shut when not in use
 - Don't cause damage to them
 - Don't remove/disconnect the closing device
 - Don't paint them
 - Don't add, remove or replace any ironmongery
 - Don't tamper with the intumescent and rubber seals to the frame
 - Don't cut into the door leaf or frame
 - Don't fit/fix doorbells, chains, bolts or additional spy holes

Report any damage or any issues with the overall door operating as it should to SHG immediately, so we can arrange for it to be fixed

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How to report a repair?

If you see any damage to a fire door, whether to your own front door or in communal areas, report it to our One Housing Team **0161 217 6016** immediately.

If you own your front door, it is your responsible to ensure it is a fire door and remains functional.

What is a 'closing device'?

This is a device that closes the door when released. This device is essential as it will close the door behind you, on its own, if you are fleeing a fire.

What is 'damage'?

Any damage to the frame, the door itself, or its fittings such as a letter boxes or glass panels.

Is there anything else I should be aware off?

We currently undertake safety checks of your buildings communal fire doors during our inspections and Fire Risk Assessments. This includes a visual check of the outside of front doors that share an escape route with others.

SHG is also undertaking further safety checks on doors in buildings over 11m in height (around 4 floors high). This includes a full visual check of both sides of the door. If we contact you regarding a door safety check, then please work with us to carry out this quick check as soon as possible.

Although we are undertaking our own checks of fire doors, it is also still vitally important that you report any damages to the fire doors to us immediately to our One Housing Team 0161 217 6016.