

26th May 2023

Dear Resident,

Please find attached a leaflet from the London Fire Brigade providing guidance on what to do in the case of fire.

We make two additional requests.

If you or anyone living in your flat is frail or physically incapacitated and they would find leaving the building using the stairs difficult, please give their name and flat number to the Porters in the lodge. This information is kept for the Fire Brigade in the case of an emergency and given to the fire crew so that an assisted rescue can take place.

The other important factor is that the corridors and area around your front door must be kept free of clutter and obstacles; this includes pushchairs, scooters, shoes, and umbrella stands.

New legislation following the Grenfell Tower fire requires all buildings over 6 floors to complete an annual inspection of all front doors to ensure they are fire compliant. Your front door remains your responsibility notwithstanding that Rivermead Court paid for all front doors to be upgraded with fireproof glass, door closers, intumescent strips around the door and fireproof letter boxes. If you have removed or changed any of these safety features and your front door is deemed unsafe, the owner of the flat will be required to pay for reinstating the safety features.

All communal fire doors will now have to have a quarterly inspection for fire safety.

There will be regular mandatory inspections by external fire safety consultants to enforce these regulations.

Thank you for your help on these matters.

The Rivermead Court Board