

How to...

Use fire doors safely



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A wedged-open fire door renders that door useless. It can no longer protect your safety or your property. It's an open door to danger.

This guide will provide you with information about the importance of fire doors, where they should be, how to identify them and how they should be maintained.

Where might I find fire doors?

Fire and smoke control doors can be found in a block of flats on the stairwells, in the corridors and on the flat front doors. You may also see them protecting areas where there's a risk of combustion, such as bin storage or mains electricity service cupboards. Sometimes you will find fire doors inside flats, but this depends on the specific design and layout of the individual flat.

What is the purpose of a fire door?

Fire doors create a barrier from both fire and toxic cold smoke. They prevent smoke from travelling around a building, keeping the damage to a small area, allowing for evacuation, stay put and safe access for the emergency services. Fire doors are an essential element in the passive fire protection of buildings.





How are fire doors maintained?

The correct specification, installation and maintenance of fire doors and their components is vitally important in ensuring that property and lives are protected. Building owners, installers, inspectors and maintainers must ensure that a fire door can function correctly in the event of a fire. Where GH Property Management Services Limited are responsible for the management of a block, our Property Managers carry out site inspection audits to identify deficiencies and ensure maintenance regimes are in place.

By holding open a fire door, it can no longer protect the safety of you and your home. If GH Property Management staff find a fire door held open with a door stop, we will remove it.



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