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If a fire starts in your home there are 3 steps that can safe your life

- 1. Get out
- 2. Never go back inside
- 3.Call 999 as soon as you are safe to do



#### What can I do to keep my home safe from the risk of fire

- Kitchen safety—More fires start in the kitchen than anywhere else in the home. Every kitchen should have at least one heat alarm fitted and be linked to your smoke alarms. If a cooking fire breaks out in your kitchen the heat alarm can alter you before any smoke alarm in your home. For more information see: Kitchen safety | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)
- Bedtime check—Before goring to bed you can help keep your family safe by checking your home for potential fire hazards. This will only take a few minutes but can help keep everyone safe while you sleep. For more information see: <u>Bedtime checks | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)</u>
- Candle safety—Candles are a great way to add ambiance and warmth to any room, but they can also
  pose a fire hazard if not used properly. Candles are a major cause of fires. Consider using battery operated cancles, which give the same light effect without the risk from flames. For more information see:Candle safety | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)
- Electrical safety—One of the most common causes of fire in the home is faulty wiring, overloaded circuits and malfunctioning appliances. Switching off at the socket and puling the plug out is the only way to be sure no electricity is flowing thought an appliance. For more information see: <a href="Electrical safe-ty">Electrical safe-ty</a> | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)
- E-bike and E-scooters—Charging e-bikes and e-scooters should always be done safely as failing to do so puts your family and home at risk. For more information see: <u>E-bike and E-Scooters | Scottish Fire and</u> <u>Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)</u>
- Smoking—In Scotland smoking is the main cause of death from fires in the home. You can cut the
  chances of this happening to you by stubbing out a cigarette in an ashtray and pouring water on cigar
  or cigarette ends before putting in an outside bin. For more information see:
   Smoking | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)

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#### Fire alarm maintenance

- Every year an Osprey contractor will carry out checks on your alarms. This is usually done at the same time as the annual service of your heating system.
- In between these tests you can help to ensure your alarms work properly by doing weekly checks. Press the 'test' button on each alarm, if it does not sound report this to our Customer Services Team immediately.
- Keep the alarms clean and dust free by gently vacuuming the alarm unit regularly.



#### Making an escape plan

When a fire starts in your home, every second counts. The heat sand smoke can create confusion and panic and deciding who should do what in the moment is not easy. Having an escape plan means that everyone can get out quickly and safely.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service can help you make an escape plan if you book one of their free home fire safety visits by calling **0800 0731 999** 

### Fire safety

#### is of the utmost importance to Osprey.

We work closely with OTRA, our tenants and residents association and other professionals to ensure we can fully demonstrate the robustness of our fires safety measure and address any concerns our tenants may have.

Further detailed information on fire safety can be found on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website at:

At home | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)

