



**Contact us today to arrange a  
FREE Home Fire Safety Visit**

**Fire can happen to anyone.**

But it is our job to help make sure your home is as safe from fire as it can be. This is why we provide free Home Fire Safety Visits. Our staff can help you spot possible fire hazards, sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms.

Get in touch with us, it's so easy to arrange. A Home Fire Safety Visit might just save your life.

**Visits are easy to arrange.**

A Home Fire Safety Visit can be organised at a time that suits you, day or night. The Service would also like community members to think about anyone they know who could be at risk from fire. It could be a friend, relative, or neighbour.

To book a free Home Fire Safety Visit for you, or for someone you know:

**CALL 0800 0731 999 TEXT 'FIRE' TO 80800**  
or visit [firescotland.gov.uk](http://firescotland.gov.uk)



**Fact.**

**Every hour of every day there's  
a house fire in Scotland.**

Always ask for official identification – all employees of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be happy to produce this on request.

Further  
Information

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Visit [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk) for practical fire safety advice, or talk to your local firefighters at your nearest community fire station. You will find contact details on our website, in your local library and in the phone book.

If you would like this document in another format or language, please call **0800 0731 999**.



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**Avoiding Fires in  
your close/common stair**

Advice from the Scottish  
Fire and Rescue Service



**If there was a fire in your  
close/common stair, would  
you know what to do?  
Be stair aware!**



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# The close/common stair is your only means of escape in the event of a fire.



Have you ever thought what you would do if fire were to break out in your close/common stair? It may not necessarily be in your flat!

A fire started in a close/common stair could kill you and your family. Even a small bag of rubbish can create enough smoke to fill a whole close/common stair. Items left in a close/common stair are often deliberately set on fire.

## Keep it clear

- Get rubbish, old furniture, etc. out of the building.
- Make sure storage areas are kept locked.
- For advice on uplifting items contact your local Council.

## If fire does start

- Keep doors closed to prevent smoke filling your house.
- Dial 999 and ask for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, giving as much information as you can.

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## Action Plan

Only make your way outside if you are sure you can safely leave the building. Otherwise you should stay inside your flat and:

- Do not open the door. Hot smoke rises and will rapidly enter any open door.
- If possible, get everyone together in the same room, preferably to the front of the building, closing all doors behind you.
- All occupants should remain together in this room. If you can, open a window.

When the Fire Service arrive, let them know how many people are in your flat, and if you are safe. This will greatly assist them in dealing with the incident.

- If required, position wet towels to prevent smoke entering through any gaps in the door frame.
- You will be advised when the Fire Service has extinguished the fire and cleared smoke from the common stair.