

FIRE SAFETY IN MULTI-STOREY & DECK ACCESS PROPERTIES

Following the tragic events at Grenfell Tower in London it is important to review our routine fire safety measures, to ensure the safety of our tenants and our high-rise, deck access and other properties.

GWAH owns 3 high rise blocks (circa 1960 construction). Located at Blythswood Court, the blocks comprise 14 floors, with 8 flats per floor and a total of 336 flats. The concrete frame was rendered with External Wall Insulation 2010/11.

In the period since the incident in London, we have proactively engaged with Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SF&RS), Scottish Government & Glasgow City Council, to ensure a comprehensive, considered review of the issues encountered at Grenfell Tower.

Our immediate response was to undertake a review of the cladding and external wall insulation installed, while there are no sprinkler systems or central fire alarm, we can offer reassurance that the relevant properties have in place approved Building Warrants meeting the minimum Scottish Building Standard Technical Regulations. This includes fire separation between flats and the installation of non-combustible materials.

Robust regular checks are in place at our high rise and deck- access properties. These ensure ongoing safety and awareness and include: daily concierge patrols; quarterly SF&RS inspection; regular fire risk assessments; SF&RS local safety event; individual fire safety visits by a Community Safety Officer; regular servicing of dry risers; fire safety information available at all concierge stations and on our website; and investment in the bin chutes at Blythswood Court and St Vincent Terrace in 2016/17 to introduce further fire control measures.

To assist in robust fire safety, we ask for your continued vigilance and cooperation to ensure common areas are kept clear of obstructions. Please alert our concierge teams, or any member of staff, to any areas requiring attention. We encourage all residents, who have not done so already, to sign up for Home Safety Visits by SF&RS.

SF&RS has confirmed that in the event of a fire, *residents should **Stay in Place** to allow controlled fire-fighting and evacuation*, as deemed appropriate by them, at the time. For further information from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service call **0800 0731 999** or visit www.firescotland.gov.uk.

Community Safety Advice Leaflets are available here:

Multi Storey Flats http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/media/332080/multi_storey_fire_safety.pdf

General Fire Safety Advice <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/community-safety-leaflets.aspx>