

# Fire safety

## Keeping your building's communal areas safe

### If there was a fire in your building, could you get out safely? Would items left in shared areas become dangerous fire hazards?

Everyone needs to play their part in keeping your building safe, including you and your neighbours.

### Why do communal areas need to be kept clear?

It is important to us that you are safe in your home, and we also have a legal duty to make sure you could escape from your building in an emergency. Staircases are the routes for the fire fighters to get in as well as for you and your neighbours to get out.

Items left in stairwells or corridors could become serious obstacles, especially if the area is smoke-filled or dark.

Everyone living in your building needs to keep communal areas clean and clear of any obstruction. This means that you cannot use communal areas to store your possessions or to dispose of unwanted items.

This includes things like:

- Pushchairs and prams
- Bikes
- Children's bikes and toys
- Recycling boxes or bags
- Mobility scooters, walking aids and furniture



At Curo we want you to be safe and, as the owner of your building, we have a responsibility to make sure that the building meets fire and safety requirements.

### Remember to keep yourself and your neighbours safe:

- Keep communal areas clear of all possessions and/or rubbish
- Remove any furniture from communal spaces
- Help us to keep areas clear by reporting any items that you find

We carry out regular visits to all communal areas to help you to keep your shared areas clear and safe, and to make sure items are removed as quickly as possible.

### Checking fire doors:

Some of the doors in common areas in your building will be 'fire doors'. Fire doors slow the spread of fire and should never be left open or tampered with. Check that fire doors:

- Close properly.
- Aren't propped open.
- Haven't been tampered with or damaged - look for obvious holes, or missing panels or glass.

Ask us if you need to fit anything to your flat front door. We'll help you do this in a way that won't affect your door's fire safety rating.

If you currently have a mobility aid that is stored in the communal area please contact us so we can discuss possible solutions with you.



If you need help planning your escape route or think you may have problems evacuating your property please contact us.



In a fire, keep calm and act quickly.  
Call 999 and give an exact address.

