- Know the fire alarm signals
- Know where the exits are if you are going to have to walk the stairs



- Be decisive after all it's your life
- If you are going to evacuate, do it quickly
- Take the door key with you in case you can't use the exit stairs due to smoke and have to go back to your apartment
- If you are going to stay know how to protect yourself for as long as possible if you do get trapped, and
- Before walking out to the final exit at street level check nothing or no one is going to land on you.

You may only have minutes to decide and it's a long way to walk but, hey, it's all down hill and hopefully free from the smoke and heat of a fire.





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## FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR APARTMENT

So you live in a multi-storey apartment building?

That means special fire safety things for you to think about.

Living above ground level is one, and there's the fact that you may have only one way of getting out of the apartment and, in some cases, even the building.

You need to be extra vigilant with appliances such as the stove and other equipment that could cause a fire. such as your clothes dryer, or computer, because it's not only about you if there's a fire, there's your neighbours above and below you.

The standard of fire protection built into apartment buildings varies with the age of the building. Many older multi-storied apartments will not have fire sprinklers or automatic fire alarms, and will rely on you to operate a fire alarm if you discover a fire.

Make sure you are familiar with the evacuation plan for your building and know what actions to take. Evacuation plans should be clearly on display throughout your building.

Get to know the fire protection measures in your building and what you will need to do if you have to evacuate in an emergency.

If you need more information talk to your body corporate representatives.

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO...

## Carry out a fire safety survey of your apartment and the building to find out

- What type of fire alarms the building has
- The number of exits from your own apartment

- The number of exits from your floor to the outside of the building
- Is there emergency lighting?

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY





emergency - you might be the first person to have done so

Keep an emergency kit handy (torch paper mask – bottle of water – spare front door key to hang around your neck)





