

Balcony and Fire Safety

If a fire breaks out on your balcony, it could spread much faster than a fire inside your building. This is because inside buildings there are walls and doors that can contain a fire, as well as a more limited supply of oxygen which is what keeps a fire burning. Outside on your balcony, there is an unlimited supply of oxygen and a fire can quickly be blown by the wind, spreading it upwards and outwards and putting balconies or flats around you at risk.

What is NOT Allowed on my Balcony?



Do not use barbecues.

Falling embers from a BBQ can burn items on your balcony and others around you.



Never use fireworks of any type



Never install reed fencing or other combustible screening



You must not use an outdoor patio heater (gas or electric) or a flame pit



Never store gas cylinders or any item containing flammable liquid



Do not dispose of a cigarette by flicking it over the side of your balcony

Reducing Risk on my Balcony

Smoking on your Balcony



- Always fully extinguish cigarettes
- Use an ashtray or bucket with water or sand in to dispose of cigarettes safely

Storage of Combustible or Bulky Items



- Do not store any flammable items on your balcony
- Keep items to a minimum by removing rubbish and combustible items like furniture, timber, decorating materials, children's plastic toys and other clutter

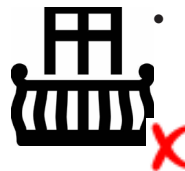
White and Electrical Goods



- White or electrical goods such as fridges and tumble driers must not be stored on balconies. They are not suitable for outdoor use and could start a fire

What Can I Use my Balcony For?

Try to keep your balcony clear



- Do not drape textiles over your balcony or fix fairy lights to the balcony

Items you can keep on your balcony



- Plants are OK and will allow you to enjoy your balcony

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- A few items of patio furniture are also OK to keep on your balcony