

# High-Rise Apartment and Condominium Fire Safety

Fires in high-rise and condominium buildings are especially dangerous. Make sure you know where all the exit stairs are in your building. If you do have a fire in your building, here are steps you can take to stay safe.

**Know how to escape in an emergency:**

**If you cannot get out of your apartment because of fire, smoke or if you have a disability:**



**STUFF** wet towels or sheets around the door and vents to keep smoke out.

**LEAVE** your apartment. Close the door behind you.

**CALL 911** and tell them where you are. It may take a while for the fire department to clear the building. Stay on the phone with the fire department to help them locate you.

**PULL** the fire alarm on your way out to notify the fire department and your neighbors.

**OPEN** a window slightly and place a bright cloth outside to signal your location. Close the window so the air does not pull smoke into your room.

**USE** the stairs to get out. Do not use the elevator unless directed by the fire department.

**GO** to your outside meeting place and stay there. Call the fire department. If someone is trapped in the building, let the fire department know.



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