

Fire Safety

City of Lockport Fire Department

HIGH-RISE FIRE SAFETY

A fire in a high-rise residential building can be However, smoke and heat can travel

confined to the apartment where it starts. throughout the building, especially upward.

High-rise residential buildings usually are of Lockport there are two of these constructed to be fire resistive. However, including furnishings and tremendous



ones with eight or more floors. In the city structures. These buildings are most of what is inside these buildings, amount of heat and smoke.

WAYS TO KEEP YOUR APARTMENT FIRE-SAFE

- Never keep rubbish in the hallway. Make sure it is stored properly and collected regularly.
- Be careful not to overload electrical circuits. Short circuits are the cause of many fires.
- Cook with care. Keep baking soda handy to smother stove fires.
- Never smoke in bed and make sure there are no smoldering butts when you empty ashtrays.
- Test smoke detectors weekly and replace batteries (if applicable) twice a year (the beginning and end of Daylight Savings time).
- Make sure your apartment door is tight fitting.
- Inspect your exit stair doors. They must be self-closing, snap shut, and locked from the stairwell side.

IF THE FIRE IS NOT IN YOUR APARTMENT

- ☞ Stay inside rather than entering smoke-filled hallways, especially if the fire is above your floor.
- ☞ Keep your door closed.
- ☞ Seal the door with duct tape or wet sheets and towels. Seal ventilators and any other openings where smoke may enter.
- ☞ Fill your bathtub with water. IF the front door gets hot, wet it down.
- ☞ Unless flames or smoke are coming from below, open your windows a few inches. Don't break the windows; they may need to be closed later.
- ☞ Call the Fire Department (Dial 911) with our apartment number and a description of the conditions in your apartment. Firefighters will be directed to your location.
- ☞ If you feel you are in grave danger, open a window and wave a bed sheet for firefighters to spot you.

PLANNING AHEAD CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

Things to know:

- ☐ The layout of your floor.
- ☐ The location of exit stairs.
- ☐ The number of doors between your apartment and the exit stairs. This is essential knowledge to find the exit in the dark.
- ☐ Where your apartment key is located. Take the key with you if you are forced to evacuate.
- ☐ The location of the fire alarm boxes (if your building has them).

Things to do:

- √ Keep flashlights ready and in a handy place.
- √ Report fire hazards to your building superintendent. Blocked exits, piled-up trash, missing exit lights and wedged-open fire doors are violations of law. IF your superintendent doesn't correct them call the Fire Department (439=6724) and report the condition. Your life may depend on getting the violations corrected.

IF THERE IS A FIRE IN YOUR APARTMENT

- ◇ Get everyone out. Stay low as you go out. Close but don't lock all the doors in the apartment as you leave.
- ◇ Alert others on the floor by knocking on doors. Activate the fire alarm if there is one.
- ◇ Go down the nearest STAIRWAY, holding the railing.
- ◇ Call the Fire Department from a floor BELOW THE FIRE FLOOR or from a location outside.

IF THERE IS A FIRE

- ☞ Stay calm.
- ☞ Do not use the elevator