

# IMPORTANT FIRE INFORMATION

The use of communal areas in residential buildings, including item storage, is critical for fire safety, as these spaces serve as the fire escape routes for residents and visitors. Clutter can block exits, hinder escape especially in smoky conditions, fuel fires if flammable, and hinder emergency services.

A **MANAGED USE** approach allows low-risk items (e.g., living pot plants, doormats, securely fixed pictures, etc.) to enhance the space. Your Property Manager can confirm what is permitted based on the building's fire risk.

## However, residents are not permitted to:



Clutter the stairs, corridors and landings with personal items not approved



Store prams, bicycles or mobility scooters in communal areas



Store flammable materials in cupboards that have electrical circuits



Leave rubbish in communal areas outside collection times; all waste must go in the external bins



Store e-scooters or electric bikes



**Hazardous items like gas bottles, paint, and petrol pose serious risks.**

## You Must Also:

- Tell us if you see anything in the communal areas that does not belong there
- Not prop open fire doors in communal areas
- Ensure the self-closing device on your own front door works – your door should close automatically. It is also an offence to tamper or remove it
- NOT USE the communal area to charge any item, inc. mobility scooters, e-bikes & scooters

