

FIRE PREVENTION

The risk of fire in apartments Units can be greatly reduced by the residents and their domestic helpers by taking some precautions, and always being aware of the potential risks.

To minimize the risks of fire, adopt the following simple precautions at all times:

1. Maintain sufficient clearance around the sprinkler heads and avoid any obstruction that could limit the effectiveness of a sprinkler, if it was activated in the event of a fire.
2. Do not overload electrical circuits by connecting too many appliances to one outlet using multiple adapters.
3. Check regularly the condition of the electrical appliance wiring and connections. Exposed wires need to be fixed immediately.
4. Be alert for any unusual smell associated with hot or melting plastic.
5. Do not keep highly flammable liquids or similarly dangerous materials in the apartment.
6. Be certain that no smoldering cigarette ends are thrown into wastepaper baskets.
7. Read the instructions on how to use your fire extinguisher and keep it readily available in the kitchen. Domestic helpers need to be familiar with the instructions. Under no circumstances use water on an electrical or oil based fire.
8. Check for an odor of gas.
9. When not cooking, turn-off the gas cooker or hot plates. Do not leave cooking appliances on and working.
10. Keep flammable cooking ingredients, for example oil, away from flames and store in sealed containers.
11. Refrain from smoking in bed.

