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:



LEAVE your apartment. Close the door behind you.



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



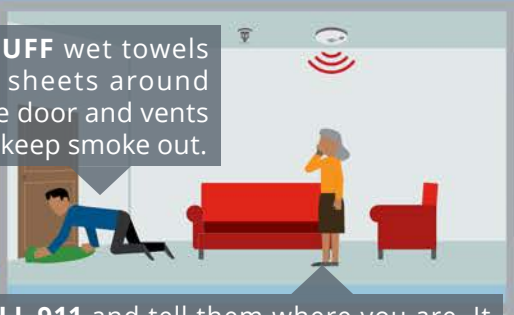
USE the stairs to get out. Do not use the elevator unless directed by the fire department.





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.

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.

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.



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.

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