

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS/TENANTS CONCERNING **FIRE PREVENTION IN THE APARTMENT**



## **THERE ARE 80 HOUSE FIRES IN SWEDEN EVERY DAY**

The emergency services are called out to 20 of these fires. 60 of the fires are so small that the resident extinguishes them themselves. 85-90 people die in house fires each year and about 1,000 people are injured. The most common reasons for house fires are food forgotten on the cooker, electrical faults, smoking and open flames.



## **FIRE ALARMS IN EVERY APARTMENT**

Every apartment must have at least one fire alarm. It is vital to detect a fire as soon as possible. The owner of the property is responsible for installing a fire alarm. The resident is responsible for replacing the battery. Naturally, you can purchase a fire alarm yourself, preferably with a battery that lasts 5-10 years. It is a good idea to have more than one fire alarm. Check regularly that the fire alarm is working by pressing the test button that can be found on all fire alarms.



## **EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT**

The emergency services recommend having a powder extinguisher in every apartment. It is also a good idea to have a fire blanket in the home. The blanket can be used to smother a fire. This equipment can be purchased from large department stores, builders' suppliers or from your insurance company.



## **SMOKE KILLS – LOCK IN THE FIRE**

If a fire starts in your apartment: warn everyone in the apartment, try to extinguish it but do not take any risks. If you cannot extinguish the fire yourself, close the door to the room that is burning. Leave the apartment and close the front door to prevent the fire and the toxic smoke from spreading. Smoke is lethal and kills very quickly. Ring 112. Meet the emergency personnel outside the house.



## **NEVER GO OUT ONTO A SMOKE-FILLED STAIRCASE**

If there is a fire in another apartment or elsewhere in the building, stay in your own apartment. Never go out onto a smoke-filled staircase. You are safer in your own apartment. Close all doors and windows. Ring 112. The emergency services have special equipment to assist you. The front door, walls, ceilings and windows can withstand a fire for 30-60 minutes.



If there is a fire in your apartment:

**LOCK IN THE FIRE  
LEAVE THE APARTMENT  
RING 112**

If there is a fire elsewhere in the house:

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