

Fire protection

Apartment



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Smoke alarms



A smoke alarm increases your chances of escaping in the event of a fire in your home. The smoke alarm should be installed on the ceiling outside of your bedroom. If you charge electronic equipment in the bedroom, such as your mobile phone, there should also be a smoke alarm in your bedroom. There must be at least one smoke alarm on each floor. If your apartment is larger than 60 m², there should be more smoke alarms. You are responsible for ensuring that there is a working battery in your smoke alarm. Are there no smoke alarms fitted in your home? Contact the property owner to have one installed.



Testing the smoke alarm

Test by pressing the button that can be found on all smoke alarms. Keep pressing for a couple of seconds. If it does not start to beep, try with a new battery. Test the smoke alarm regularly, such as when you have been away and on the first Sunday of Advent. Don't forget to vacuum-clean it now and then.

Reminder to test the smoke alarm

In order to increase the proportion of working smoke alarms, the Aktiv mot Brand network can send regular text message reminders to test your smoke alarm. By visiting www.skyddadigmotbrand.se you can easily set how often you want to receive text message reminders.



Handheld fire extinguishers

The Swedish Fire Department recommends that everyone should have at least one 6 kg powder extinguisher in their home with a minimum efficiency class of 43A 233 BC. Summer cottages are also considered to be homes in this respect. In cars, camper vans, caravans, boats and similar, a 2 kg powder extinguisher is recommended. Handheld fire extinguishers can be purchased from fire equipment companies and at large shopping centres or builders' merchants.



Fire blankets

It is good to have a fire blanket at home. You can use it to extinguish fires in clothing or other small fires by suffocating them.



Timers and cooker guards

It is easy to forget to turn off the cooker, and many fires start there. Do not store items on the cooker, and make a habit of always checking that it is turned off. Feel free to install a timer on electrical appliances, which disconnects the power after a certain amount of time if you forget to turn off the appliance. A cooker guard turns off the cooker if it starts to smoke or becomes too hot. Please note: Cooker guards must be installed by the property owner.

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*How to use a handheld
fire extinguisher*

1. Pull out the safety catch



2. Aim at the fire.



*Take up a low
position in relation
to the fire.*

3. Press down the handle.



Increase safety for you and your neighbours

Every year there are around 32 house fires within Kalmar Fire Department's region. Follow this checklist to check the fire protection in your home. If you have any questions regarding fire protection, you are welcome to contact the Fire Department on tel. 0480-45 75 10.

Prevent fire

- Store matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave the washing machine, tumble drier, dishwasher or similar running when you are not at home or when you go to bed.
- Grease and oil can start to burn if the temperature gets too high. When you are frying or deep-frying, you should have a lid to hand in order to be able to suffocate any fire. Never use water!
- Burnt food and boiling dry are common causes of fires. Clean the filter for the kitchen fan regularly so that it is free from grease.
- Never leave lit candles unattended and don't forget to extinguish any candles you have lit. Never decorate candlesticks with flammable material, such as candle rings made of fabric, moss or similar.
- Do not store flammable items on your balcony or in outdoor areas, as there is a risk of arson and misdirected fireworks.
- Do not use electrical appliances with damaged leads or plugs.
- Unplug chargers, coffee makers, hairdryers, etc., when they are not in use.
- Never smoke in bed or anywhere else where there is a risk of you falling asleep.

Plan your rescue

- It is a legal requirement that your home must be equipped with at least one smoke alarm per floor. Replace the battery in time.
- You are also recommended to have fire extinguishing equipment in the form of a 6 kg powder extinguisher.
- Never store items on staircases or in corridors. Remember that these are your emergency exit if anything should happen.

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RESCUE



... in your apartment:

Try to extinguish the fire. If you cannot do this, close the door of the room where the fire is located and try to leave the apartment. If the room is full of smoke – crawl under the smoke, as there is often fresher air near the floor. If you cannot get to the outer door due to smoke or fire, go out onto the balcony or open a window and call for help. Never use the lift if you have to get out in the event of a fire.

... in a neighbouring apartment:

If there is smoke in the stairwell – remain in your apartment until the Fire Department has extinguished the fire or told you otherwise. Keep the apartment door to the stairwell closed. The apartment acts as a fire cell and will withstand smoke and fire for 30 to 60 minutes. During this time, the Fire Department will have time to extinguish the fire and evacuate you.

WARN



Warn others in the vicinity so that they can also get to safety. Try to remain calm. Remember that children may hide under beds or in cupboards.

ALARM



When you and your family are safe, you should raise the alarm by dialling the emergency number 112. Provide information quickly about what has happened, where you are calling from and who you are.

EXTINGUISH



Only then can you try to extinguish the fire yourself, but don't take unnecessary risks. Aim at the base of the fire, not the flames. Never spray on or around live cables. In the event of a pan fire, you should suffocate the fire with a pan lid – never pour on water. If the TV catches fire – unplug the appliance and extinguish with a handheld extinguisher or by pouring on water.

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