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Fire prevention# Live safely and worry-free



Preventive measures

Fire protection affects us all. You, too, can make a huge difference if you observe a few important points. If you notice a fire, please try to extinguish it yourself **immediately**. This is always on the condition that there is no risk of injury to you. In this case, or if you do not think you can extinguish the fire yourself, please notify the fire brigade immediately. **The emergency number is 112**.

If you notice heavy smoke in the house or if the smoke alarm sounds in a neighbouring flat, check to see if anyone is home. If you do not find anyone there, call 112 immediately. The smoke alarm system itself does not transmit a signal to the fire brigade!



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Coal-burning, oil and gas ovens

You have to learn how to handle coal-burning, oil or gas ovens; otherwise these appliances can become potential sources of fire. Therefore, please follow the operating instructions exactly. Proper handling also includes regularly checking that these appliances are in good working order. If repairs are necessary, never carry them out yourself. Professionals are available for this. If you have a coalburning oven in your home, there is one thing you must absolutely pay attention to, if only for reasons of fire safety: solid materials must never be lit in such an oven with a **flammable** liquid such as ethyl alcohol or petrol!



Outdoors or on the balcony

It is not permitted to light fires on balconies or outdoor areas of wbg properties. This also applies to barbecuing with charcoal, gas or pellets!

Electrical appliances

Electrical appliances such as **irons** or kettles should **never be left unattended** while in use. Also make sure that you have a non-flammable, heat-resistant surface on which to place these appliances. This will prevent these appliances from igniting flammable objects, such as a tablecloth or pieces of laundry. Heating pads and blankets that are switched on can also pose a fire hazard. Therefore, you should not let them out of your sight.



Escape routes of the fire brigade

Please make sure that entrances, exits, driveways, passageways, stairways and traffic routes are kept clear. These are the **fire brigade's rescue and attack routes** in the event of a fire and the **emergency doctor's access route** in other emergencies.

The same applies to the **house entrance doors**: they should always be kept closed, **but never locked!** This also applies to the doors from the stairwell to the cellars and attics. Please also keep these closed at all times and remember that these doors must not be blocked, hung or wedged open.





Regardless of whether you have a gas or electric cooker, it is also important that the cooker **never be left unattended**. Especially if there are **small children** in your household!



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Never lock house entrance doors! ESCAPE ROUTES: Keep driveways, passageways, staircases and traffic routes clear!





Storing objects

Take care to keep the storage of objects in open roof spaces to a minimum. Please place them in such a way that there is still **sufficient freedom of movement**. This applies especially to unobstructed **access to chimneys** and the roof space. It is also not permitted to store flammable materials by the fireplaces.

Smoke alarm

All wbg properties are equipped with standardised smoke alarms.

Regular checks and maintenance are carried out by our partner company Techem (Tel.: 08002/00 12 64). Please note: under no circumstances should the smoke alarms be taken out of operation!

Highly flammable substances

It is prohibited to store objects in stairwells and corridors, driveways and open roof spaces. This applies above all to highly flammable materials such as **packaging material**, **cardboard**, **paper and upholstered furniture**. Car tyres are also a fire hazard. If a fire breaks out, it immediately has the fuel it needs to spread throughout the entire house.



Fuels

Store solid fuels such as wood in such a way that they do not pose a fire hazard. These materials may only be stored near cookers and ovens if there is sufficient protection against excessive heating. Solid fuels must also not be stored in open roof spaces. If you have a coal-burning oven in your home, please remember: hot ashes do not belong in the dustbin!

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