### Förderverein Freiwillige Feuerwehr Dieburg e.V.

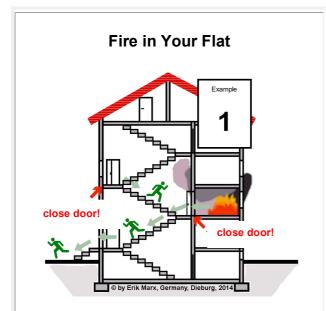
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#### Dear Residents,

Your block of flats has been equipped with smoke alarms to give you an early warning in the case of a fire. Please read the following information carefully to make sure you take the right action in the case of an emergency.

Due to its compartment construction the flat represents a safe environment which is sealed off from the other flats by fire-resistant, fire-integrity ceilings and walls. Even for old buildings with five floors the fire resistance of the components - meaning the resistance time in a fully developed flat fire - is at least 60 minutes. This is generally enough time for rescuing people.



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- 4. Warn neighbours resp. evacuate buildings
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#### Frequently made mistakes:

Small signs like light fire smoke are not taken seriously and the escape is started too late.

People trust that someone else has already called the fire brigade.

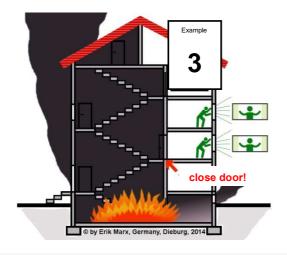
In the anxiety, the own flat door remains open (big damage cause by smoke).

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# Fire in Block of Flats Escape Route is Full of Smoke



#### 1. Call 112 for the fire brigade

- 2. Close your flat's door
- 3. Seal doors as good as possible (wet blankets etc.)
- 4. Make yourself be noticed at the open window

#### Frequently made mistakes:

Escape through the staircase full of smoke Jumping or rappelling through the window. Opening the flat door (chimney effect).

Trying to escape through a staircase full of smoke normally leads to death!

# Fire in Block of Flats Escape Route is Full of Smoke Facade on Fire



#### 1. Call 112 for the fire brigade

- 2. Close doors and windows
- 3. Seal doors as good as possible
- 4. Wait for the fire brigade

#### Important:

This case is extremely rare The right action gives you a high chance of survival as the closed doors normally resist to fire and smoke until the fire brigade arrives. In that situation the fire brigade will make their way to you using heavy breathing protection and rescue you. As a principle the fire brigade are always searching all rooms of a house.

# Never re-enter a burning building!

<u>Under no circumstance use lifts in a fire!</u> They will turn into a death trap when they fill with smoke or get stuck e.g. in a power cut.