

## FAQs

### How many tower blocks do you own?

The London Borough of Haringey owns 54 blocks over 6 storeys high that are managed by Homes for Haringey

### How many storeys high are the tower blocks?

The tower blocks range from 6 storeys to 19 storeys.

Floors	Blocks
6	12
7	20
8	2
9	2
10	5
13	1
15	6
17	3
19	3

### Is the cladding on any of the Homes for Haringey managed blocks the same cladding as used at Grenfell House?

None of our blocks have the Reynobond aluminium cladding system that was used on Grenfell Tower.

### What safety standards are applied to blocks that have cladding?

The systems that we use comply with the Building Regulations and the associated Approved Documents (in England and Wales these are AD-B Volume 1, Section B4 for domestic dwellings, and AD-B Volume 2 Section B4 for non-domestic buildings) which set out the fire performance requirements for buildings.

### I have cladding on my block and I am worried - what should I do?

At this stage, it is important to remember that we do not yet know what caused the fire or why it spread in the way that it did. However, it is only natural that some questions will be asked about the fire safety plans in place in some of our own multi-storey tower blocks and the use of exterior cladding in our properties. All of our cladding meets the specifications for this type of work and complies with building regulations.

### Have Homes for Haringey used the contractors or sub-contractors who refurbished Grenfell House?

Homes for Haringey have not used the contractors or subcontractors who refurbished Grenfell House.

### How do Homes for Haringey manage fire safety?

We take the safety of our residents seriously. All of our tower blocks have valid Fire Risk Assessments and we regularly check the communal areas and service the fire-fighting equipment in your building. We also pay close attention to fire safety whenever we carry out repairs and improvements to blocks.

Our current fire strategy is in line with government guidelines and we monitor and implement any changes that are directed by the London Fire Brigade, London Government Association and Central Government. Our procedures are kept under regular review by the Homes for Haringey board and committee scrutiny structure.

### **What do you advise residents of high-rise blocks to do if a fire breaks out?**

There will be an evacuation notice in the common area of your property that indicates what to do in the case of a fire. The current advice from the London fire Brigade is “Stay Put” unless the Fire Brigade advise you to evacuate. We advise residents to ensure they are aware of the evacuation procedures that apply to their block.

If you need assistance with the evacuation procedures or have any concerns, please let your estate manager or concierge know. If you are worried about fire safety in your building or if you would like printed copies of our fire safety fact-sheets, ask your estate manager or concierge.

### **Are all fire risk assessments up to date?**

All Homes for Haringey managed tower blocks have valid Fire Risk Assessments with established processes for ongoing monitoring including regular checks within the communal areas and regular servicing of fire-fighting equipment.

### **Who do Homes for Haringey use to do the fire risk inspections and how are they competent?**

Homes for Haringey employ two full time appropriately qualified Fire Risk assessors. Our fire risk assessors are competent based on the necessary skills, knowledge and experience in line with government guidelines to be able to complete fire risk assessments to the appropriate standard.

### **What action is taken when a fire risk assessment is done and recommendations are made?**

When a fire risk assessment is done an assessor reviews all of the fire safety arrangements within the block which includes compartmentalisation (limits fire from spreading), signage, evacuation routes, fire doors and closers, emergency lighting, and access for emergency services. When the fire risk assessor identifies a defect, they raise a repair which will be undertaken by Homes for Haringey’s repairs service or a specialist contractor. Where upgrades are recommended they will be prioritised for inclusion in a future stock investment programme.

### **Are Homes for Haringey taking any additional actions after the Grenfell House tragedy? Has access for emergency vehicles to my block been checked?**

Homes for Haringey staff have visited every high rise block and inspected the communal areas and access routes to ensure they are clear. As an additional measure of re-assurance during the next week our fire risk assessors will be visiting every high rise block to review the fire risk assessments and speak to residents.

### **How do people find out the answers to questions or worries they may have? Who do they contact and how? Which websites have the information?**

Please let your estate manager or concierge know if you are worried about fire safety in your building or if you would like printed copies of our fire safety fact sheets.

You can also contact us on 020 8489 5611 or email [customerservices@homesforharingey.org](mailto:customerservices@homesforharingey.org) with any additional concerns.