

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Municipality/city:

Street address:

Door code:

Occupant's telephone number:

EMERGENCY NUMBER **112**

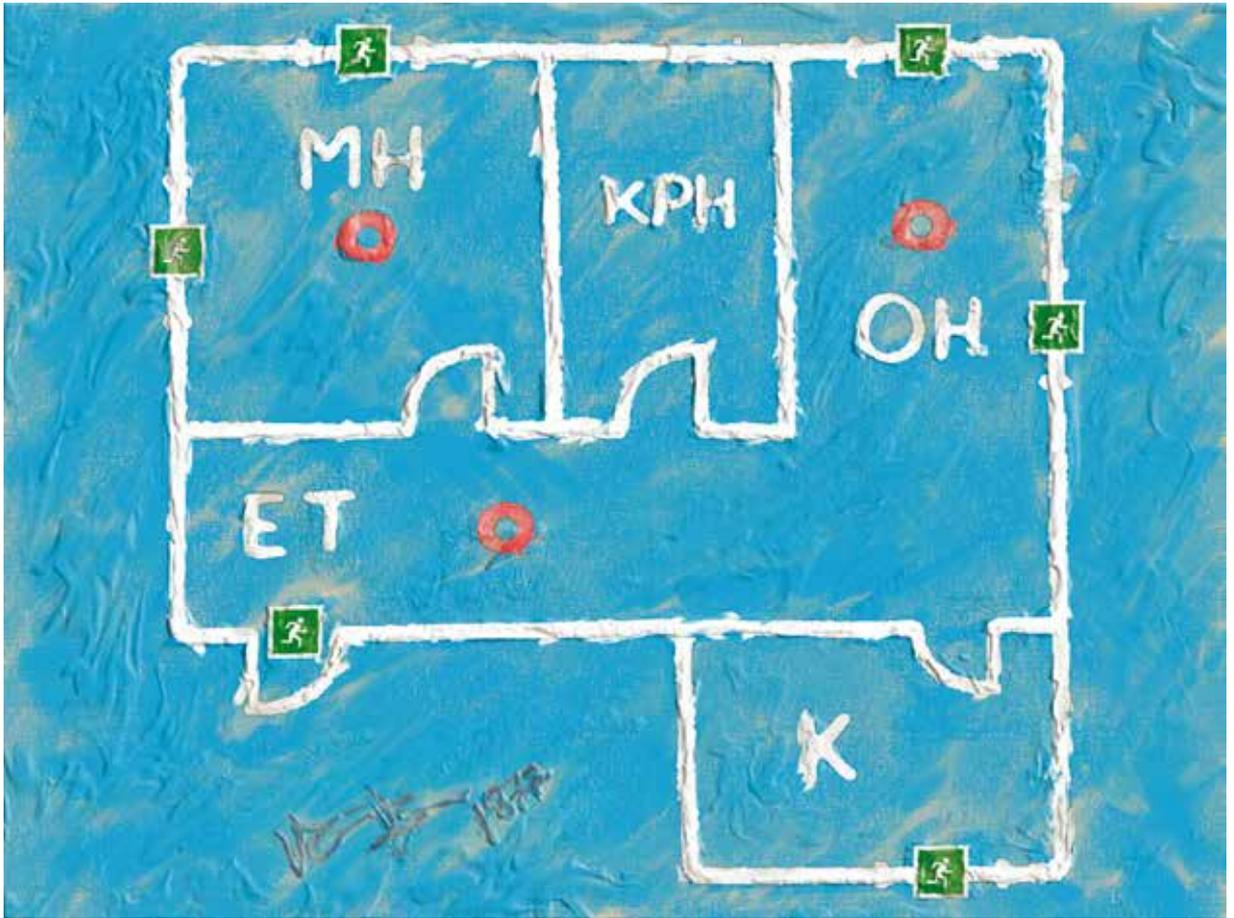
Keep this leaflet where you can find it.

Smoke alarm



- Fit a smoke alarm to the ceiling.
- Change the smoke alarm's battery once a year.
- Residents must buy their own smoke alarms.
- A smoke alarm cannot be used to call the emergency services. You have to call the emergency number yourself.
- Test the smoke alarm once a month by pressing the test button.
- A smoke alarm will alarm you about a fire that has started.

In Finland every home must have smoke alarms. As residents, you must be sure that there are enough smoke alarms in your home. You should fit a smoke alarm to the ceiling in all the bedrooms (MH), the hallway (ET) and the living room (OH).



Fit a smoke alarm:

- in the bedrooms
- in the hallway
- in the living room

The kitchen



- The cooker is only for preparing food.
- The cooker is not an additional heater. You must not use it to try and heat your home.
- Turn the cooker off when you are not using it.
- Choose a temperature for the oven or hob (hot plate) that is suitable for the type of food you are cooking.



- Don't put paper, plastic dishes, pot holders or anything else that could catch fire easily on the cooker.



- A clean and tidy oven is safer than a messy one. Messy ovens can cause fires.



- Vacuum-clean the back of fridges and freezers at least once a year.



- Switch off electrical equipment when you are not using it.
- Unplug coffee makers, kettles and toasters.

Electrical equipment



- Unplug electrical equipment from the wall socket when you are not using it, for example, a washing machine or a coffee maker.
- When you are taking a plug out of a socket, pull on the plug, not the flex (lead).



- Don't connect extension leads from one to another. Keep extension leads dust-free.



- Don't use broken leads or sockets.



- Don't leave a hot iron, toaster or barbecue unattended.
- Don't use electrical equipment when you are not at home. For example, the washing machine must not be left on when you leave the house or flat.
- Always read and follow the instructions that come with electrical equipment.
- Broken electrical equipment can cause a fire. Only proper electricians may repair broken electrical equipment.



- Don't put anything on a lamp. There must be empty space around a lamp.

Electrical equipment



- Switch off the television by pressing the power button at night and when you go out.
- If you turn off the television using the remote control, the television will still be on.
- Don't put anything on the television.
- Regularly vacuum-clean the top of the television and the outer surfaces of the vent holes.

Naked flames



- Keep an eye on burning candles the whole time.
- Candle holders should be made of a material that does not burn; for example, metal or glass.



- Each tealight (a candle in a metal cover) should have its own candle holder.



- Flares should not be lit indoors, on balconies or on terraces.



Smoking



- You should not smoke in bed or on a sofa.
- Put out your cigarette stubs properly.
- Cigarette stubs should not be thrown into rubbish bins.
- Don't leave lighters or matches where children can find them.

Balconies



- Don't use a barbecue (BBQ grill) indoors or on the balcony.
- The balcony is not a storage area.

The Sauna



- Don't dry clothes in the sauna.
- Don't put anything on the sauna stove.
- The sauna is not a storage area.

Heating and radiators



- Do not cover electric radiators with curtains, for example.
- You should not dry clothes on electric radiators.

The staircase

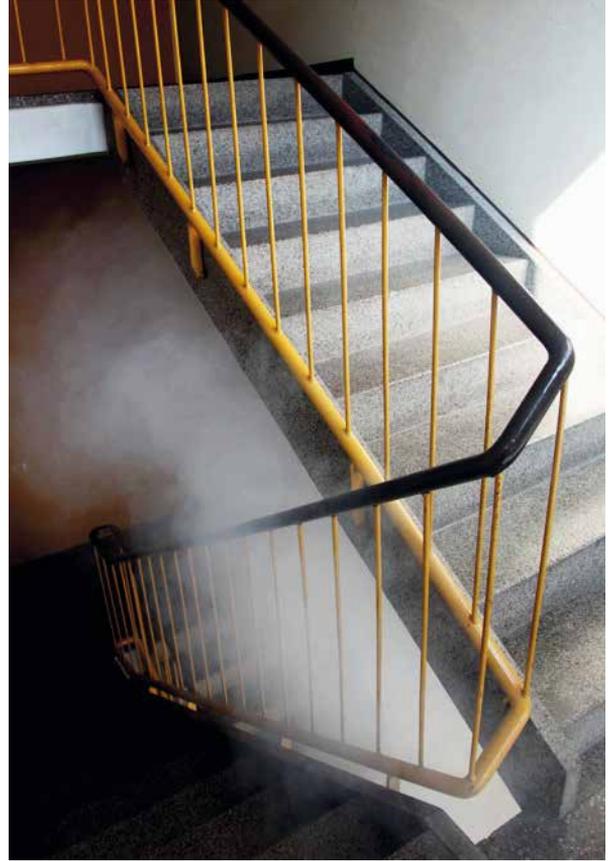


- Don't leave anything in the stairwell, e.g. prams (baby buggies) or shoes/boots. There is a danger of arson.
- Nothing should be stored in passageways in the basement or attic.



Escaping from a building; if there is a fire in another flat:

- If there is no smoke on the stairs (in the stairwell), escape via the staircase. Shut the door of your flat. Don't use the lift.
- If there is smoke on the stairs (in the stairwell), stay in your flat and shut the front door.
- If smoke enters your flat, go to the balcony and shut the door behind you. Call for help and wait until the fire brigade (fire department) helps you to safety. Wait for the fire brigade; don't jump.
- Don't go onto the balcony if the fire is in a flat below you. Call the emergency number 112.



What to do if there is a fire in your flat



- Try to warn and rescue others.
- Try to extinguish the fire. Don't put yourself in any danger.
- Leave the area where the fire is.
- Close the doors, windows and ventilation systems, if you have time to do so.



- These fire safety signs show the quickest way to safety.

at/house



- Call 112 from a safe place.
- Guide the fire brigade to the scene of the fire.



- Fire extinguisher



- Button – press to call the fire brigade

How to use a fire blanket



- You use a fire blanket to put out small fires, e.g. if a coffee maker, saucepan or television catches fire. You can also use a fire blanket to wrap around people whose clothes are on fire.



- Grip the fire blanket by the corners. Hold the fire blanket between yourself and the fire; protect your hands.
- Place the fire blanket gently on top of the burning object.



- The fire blanket must be large enough, e.g. 120X180 cm.
- Hang the fire blanket in its storage bag on the kitchen wall.
- Replace the blanket if it is damaged.



- Make sure that no air gets to a burning object. Switch off the cooker and the cooker hood.



- When the fire is out, move the object away from the hot hob. Let it cool.
- Call 112.

In case of an emergency, call 112

Call the emergency number only in case of emergencies.

You can call the emergency number 112 free of charge from any phone without using an area code.

Call the emergency number 112 in the following situations, for example:

- you notice an accident or a fire
- you notice a crime being committed or one that has been committed
- you need an ambulance or a social worker

1. Call the emergency number yourself, if you can

It is important that the emergency number is called by the person affected by the fire or someone at the scene of the accident.

2. Answer the questions that you are asked

The questions will not delay the arrival of help. The officer on duty can send help while you are still speaking on the phone.

3. Hang up only when you are told to do so

The officer on duty will let you know when you can hang up. If you end the call too soon, it may delay the arrival of help.

Call again if the situation changes.

Emergency number 112

Fire safety in the home

This brochure is designed mainly to be used when immigrants are taught about fire safety in the home. It is written in plain English. There is an instructor's guide to accompany it.

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