

Safety in your building

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Dear residents,

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Building safety update

Following our letter telling you we had placed in you in our Medium priority list, we wanted to provide you with an update on the building safety situation at your building.

Government EWS1 announcement

An EWS1 form is a certificate which states the risk level of a building's external wall system. This must be completed by a qualified fire engineer and many lenders require this in order to offer a mortgage on a property.

The government recently announced that EWS1 forms 'should not be requested' for buildings below 18 metres. However, as your building is above 18 metres, you are not affected by this announcement and we still expect to carry out an investigation into your building's external wall system.

Why does my building still need investigating?

Your building is in our Medium priority and we want to investigate the construction type and material used in the external wall system. We are currently working towards providing you with a date for an investigation in the future.

Safety is our top priority, so we need to ensure the building has a low enough risk of fire spread. Once we have investigated and carried out any necessary remediation, we will be able to issue an EWS1 form for your building.

Further support

If you need further support, you can:

- Visit the London Fire Brigade's website, which is offering a free online tool which guides you
 through a fire risk assessment of your home (home visits are available for more vulnerable
 residents): https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/
- Visit our website where we have a building safety section with lots of information and frequently asked questions: https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/your-home/building-fire-safety-and-cladding/.
- Check our document library for a reminder of the letters we have already sent out: https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/your-home/my-building-fras-documents-and-newsletters/. It may take a little while to load as there are lots of documents on there.
- Get in touch with us on <u>customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk</u> if you have any other questions.

Kind regards

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