



# Network Homes

## Safety in your building

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Morrison Court,  
St Anns Street,  
Westminster,  
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Dear residents,

### Fire door installation complete – door closer repair to take place

We've now completed all the necessary building safety work at Morrison Court, including installing new fire doors in the communal areas. I'd like to thank you for your cooperation while we have carried out this essential work.

However, we have now received a report that some of the new equipment has been interfered with. The door closer on one of the brand new communal doors has been removed, meaning it is now a safety risk until we are able to get it repaired. **Please do not interfere with any safety equipment in the building as you could be creating a fire risk.**

#### Why are the door closers so important?

The fire door at Morrison Court is designed to give between 30 and 60 minutes protection – it will hold a fire back for this period before the fire spreads through the door, allowing the fire brigade time to arrive to start fighting the fire. The closers shut the door automatically when someone goes through the door.

Without the closer, the door may not close properly and there would be gaps between the door and the frame. If the door is open or there are gaps between the door and door frame, the fire may spread to other areas of the building, putting people at risk and preventing them from escaping.

Under the new Building Safety Act, everyone in a building is responsible for keeping each other safe and this includes not interfering with safety items – including door closers. So please do not touch any safety equipment in the building. If you think there is an issue with an item and that it needs a repair, please get in touch with us in the normal way to raise a repair. We'll then be able to send a repairs operative to have a look and resolve the problem.

#### Further support

If you need further support, you can:

- Go to 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/>
- Get in touch with us on [customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk](mailto:customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk) if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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#### A summary of this letter

The new communal fire doors have been installed in Morrison Court, and this completes the necessary building safety work in your block.

We have been informed that the door closer on one of the new doors has been removed – **please do not interfere with door closers or other safety equipment.**

Door closers ensure there are no gaps for fire or smoke to get through in the event of an emergency, keeping the fire on one side of the door until the fire brigade arrives. This keeps everyone in the building safer and so door closers should be left alone.

You can always raise a repair with us if you think there's a problem with safety equipment.