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# Tenant News

A society where the fundamental need to access suitable housing is met, and all people have the opportunity to enrich their lives, reach their full potential thus, strengthening the whole community.

## Message from Fiona Callan

### **FIRE SAFETY**

Smoke alarms can greatly increase your chances of survival in a house fire by waking you from your sleep and giving you an early warning of the presence of smoke.

As part of our efforts to provide a safe home for your family, FHL has provided smoke alarms in all properties, making sure that the number of alarms (and where they are positioned meets legal requirements).

### **EVACUATION PLAN**

The WA Fire Brigade reminds people not only to install smoke alarms in their home, but to also have a home evacuation plan in case of fire. When a smoke alarm is activated, you must know exactly how to get out of the house and have a safe place to meet. Work out

what your evacuation plan will be in a fire emergency. Each member of the household should know what to do and where to meet. It will give everyone a better chance of getting out alive and reduce his or her level of panic. Draw your plan on a piece of paper and discuss it with your family and practice your escape plan. Remember if you have deadlocks on your doors, the Fire Brigade recommends that you keep the key in the latch (in the panic of a fire emergency, you will not have the time to search for keys).

### **ID CARDS**

To keep you informed, all Housing staff visiting you in your home, now have company ID cards on them. The cards have the person's photo and name on them. These ID cards will help you identify our staff more easily.

Fiona Callan



*Every year more than 1500 fires occur in the home causing millions of dollars in damage and cost five people their lives.*

## **FACTS ABOUT HOUSE FIRES**

- It takes less than 30 seconds for a small flame to turn into a large fire
- A house fire is most likely to occur between the time of midnight and 8am
- Children under the age of 4 and older people are at greater risk in house fires
- Almost 85% of house fires are accidental
- The leading cause of death in fires is asphyxiation, fire victims rarely see flames
- The heat from fires can melt clothes and scorch lungs in a single breath
- House fires quickly degenerate into black, choking smoke—impossible to see through