

# A skylight is not an escape route

## ▶ If there is a fire or smoke in your own apartment.

- Step outside and close the door to your apartment, as a closed door will prevent smoke from spreading to the stairway
- Take your key with you
- If possible always flee downstairs
- Then call 1-1-2
- Alert the other apartment residents!
- Wait outside until the fire service arrives and tell the fire service what has happened
- Give your apartment key to the fire service

## ▶ If there is a fire or smoke in the entrance to the apartment building.

- Should smoke or heat prevent you from getting outside, stay in your apartment
- Close doors and windows
- Place a wet or dry towel against the gap at the bottom of the front door to keep the smoke out of the apartment
- Go to the balcony or biggest window facing the street and attract the attention of the fire service, for example by whistling and waving
- Do not try to climb down or climb across to another balcony!

## ▶ Call 1-1-2

Explain where the fire is and how many people are there with you. Then wait for instructions from the fire service.



- ▶ Apartments have just one escape route. There is only one way downstairs and thus just one way to get outside. What's more, this route is shared with others. The right approach is needed if there is a fire in one of the apartments or in the stairway. This folder shows you your best options in the event of a fire in an apartment building.

## ▶ Do not try to escape via a skylight

Skylights above stairways are not escape routes. The skylights are only intended to offer access for maintenance works and not as escape routes. What is more, if skylights are opened in the apartment building this will create additional ventilation, which will only make the fire worse.

## ▶ Follow the instructions from the fire service

If the fire service receive a report of a fire in an apartment building they will have to extinguish the fire, but possibly also save people from the building. The way in which the fire service operates depends on the fire. Whatever the situation always follow the fire service instructions!



## ► Precautionary measures

- Make sure that the entrance and the hallways are kept clear
- Keep escape routes clear: do not keep papers, boxes, pushchairs, bicycles or other objects along an escape route
- Always ensure that you have a properly functioning smoke detector in the apartment. Smoke detectors alert you to a fire in its early stages. Smoke detectors can save lives!

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