

Public reassurance statement following the fire at Grenfell Tower in west London

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As the terrible news emerged overnight from West London, our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the fire at Grenfell House, including the emergency services currently trying to control the situation.

We appreciate that many residents living in high-rise blocks will be concerned and want to provide some reassurance that every housing block has a regular fire risk assessment and these are all up to date, with one due this month.

The Fire Brigade also undertake regular inspections of our blocks to check they are satisfied with fire safety arrangements.

Ten of our blocks are eight stories or above and while the fire risk assessment for each block is usually reviewed annually, we will be revisiting any conducted more than 3 months ago, as an extra precautionary measure to reassure residents.

Each block should have information about fire safety and evacuation procedures within the lobby or foyer area clearly displayed on a noticeboard and residents should familiarise themselves with these procedures.

If anyone has concerns about their specific block, they can speak to their caretaker – who will be doing regular checks as a matter of course – or their housing officer.

The London Fire Brigade have confirmed that they do not currently know what started the fire or what caused it to spread.

As the situation unfolds, we will be in dialogue with them and other London boroughs to understand what happened and if there is anything that can be learnt from this incident to ensure a tragedy like this is avoided again in the future.

In the meantime, if residents are concerned about fire safety in their home they can find a wealth of information online, including specific information for people living in a flat:

[London Fire Brigade – Know the plan](#)