

CITY OF HACKENSACK HIGH RISE FIRE SAFETY

IN CASE OF FIRE:

- Call the Fire Department, Dial 9-1-1 give address and floor. Don't assume that someone else has already called.
- Sound the building Fire Alarm.
- Know at least 2 exits from your floor.
- Before opening any doors feel the door with the **back of your hand**, if it is **HOT**, do not open it.
- If it is not hot, carefully open it a few inches to check for the presence of smoke in the corridor.
- Walk, do not run, remain calm, keep low in smoke.

DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR.

You can survive if you know what to do.

- Know the layout of your floor and building
- Know the location of all fire exit stairs
- Know where and how to use the fire alarms
- Plan in advance what to do

Evacuation

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total evacuation of a high-rise building is usually not necessary and only hinders the efforts of firefighters. The fire floor and the floor above will usually be the first to be evacuated if necessary.

If there is fire or smoke in your apartment:

- If you're in bed, do not sit up, roll out of bed to the floor.
- If fire smoke block your escape, such as heavy smoke in a corridor, remain calm, if possible go to an exterior window.
- Seal cracks around doors with clothing or towels.
- If you can open the window, open it a little at the top and bottom to let fresh air in and wave something to attract attention.
- If you have a phone, call 911 and give the dispatcher your location. This information will be given to the Incident Commander on Scene.
- If your able to leave your apartment, leave the door unlocked, but make sure, to close it behind you.
- If the alarms are not sounding, activate the nearest pull station. Alert a neighbor to call 911.

Remember

- When Using the stairs, if possible it is best to get below the fire, avoid going to the roof.
- Don't attempt to fight a fire alone.
- Don't Turn back for personal belongings- you may not get a second chance to leave.
- Close all doors behind you.
- Keep your keys handy and take them with you.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THERE'S A FIRE TO BE ALARMED