

The Fire Detection System at Sandhills

Sandhills is protected by a full fire alarm system. Each flat is designed to contain any fire for at least two hours and there are detectors throughout the building to provide early warning of any fire. Sprinklers would activate when the heat near ceiling reaches a certain temperature.

All doors marked 'Fire Door' should be kept shut at all times as they form an important part of the system. You, or your guests, should never tamper with the detectors (cover them, remove them etc) or the self-closing devices on fire doors (detach them, hang anything from them etc).

If you suspect a fault, damage or are unsure about any aspect of these instructions, then contact your Housing Management Officer for assistance.

The fire alarms are tested weekly each Wednesday.

The fire strategy is a Stay Put, below are specific instructions depending on the situation you are in.

There are three alarm scenarios:



If the alarms sounds intermittently within your flat:

The detector that activated will sound with a warble effect and strobe for 5 minutes. This allows time to confirm the source of the activation.



If the alarms sounds only outside your flat:

Stay in your flat unless directed to by a member of Unipol staff or the Fire Service. You are safe within your flat.



If the alarms sound continuously in your flat & in the lobby outside:

A. Evacuate the building by the escape staircase

B. **Do Not** try to use the lifts.



False activations: If you are sure the activation is false:

A. If alarm **sounds intermittently**, you have 5 minutes to ventilate the room to clear smoke, hairspray etc. The alarm should stop by itself.

B. if alarm **sounds continuously** –

Press SILENCE ALARM button in kitchen – this silences sounders for 5 minutes - then Make your way to fire panel located by emergency exit doors on Floor 0. Use code **7263** (SAND on phone keyboard) Then press and hold RESET for 3 seconds



In the event of a fire:

A. If there is a fire and the alarm is sounding, **VACATE THE BUILDING AND CALL THE FIRE SERVICE ON 999**. The building address is Sandhills, 79-85 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GN.

B. Leave the building using the **nearest escape route**. Exit using main staircase and exit onto Talbot Street or through courtyard onto Wollaton Street. Wait away from the building until Fire Service confirm it is OK to return. Evacuation notices display a map on final exit.

**IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THERE IS A FIRE, DON'T TAKE ANY RISKS.
CALL 999 FOR THE FIRE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY.**