

## **Fire Safety Statement**

### **Safety Features**

All residential buildings have robust fire safety measures in place which include fully automatic, high standard fire detection systems plus manual call points which enable people to raise an alarm quickly.

All University buildings have fire protection features to enable the safe and timely evacuation of people. These include escape stairs with enhanced fire protection and fire doors.

### **Evacuation Processes**

All students are provided with fire safety information including the safe evacuation of the buildings as part of their induction process.

Full evacuation drills of every residence building are undertaken during the first weeks of the new term. Special provision will be made for evacuation of any students with mobility or other issues, for example impaired hearing or vision, that could affect evacuation.

When a fire activation signal is received from an automatic detection device or manual call point, the main building fire alarm is activated. This alerts the 24-hour on-site security team and the fire emergency services will be immediately contacted

All residential buildings have an immediate and full evacuation procedure when the fire alarm is activated . As a general rule, buildings are fully evacuated within four minutes.

These safety features and evacuation processes are in place whatever the height of the building

All University buildings have had recent fire risk assessments carried out by competent independent external fire consultants.

The University and relevant student residence management companies have specified statutory inspection duties. These include the regular testing of key fire protection measures, namely fire doors, emergency lighting and fire alarm maintenance.

### **Cladding**

None of our student residential buildings have fully cladded external elevations. We do, however, have some buildings with areas of panel cladding as a decorative feature. The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services have recently inspected all the high-rise student buildings and have no concerns with these external panels.

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We trust that we have been able to address any concerns on fire safety you may have had. Should you require any further information on this topic, then please contact the University's Health and Safety team. Email : [healthandsafety@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:healthandsafety@swansea.ac.uk) or Tel: 01792 6063134

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