

## High-Rise Fire Safety information

Q Does Andium conduct regular fire safety reviews of high-rise blocks?

A Andium Homes employs fire consultants to carry out annual reviews of our fire risk assessments. We also carry out quarterly fire safety inspections of the high-rise blocks.

Q What fire safety features are included in each high-rise block? For example, fire alarms/sprinklers/additional emergency exits.

A All Andium Homes properties are fitted with mains powered (with battery back-up) smoke detectors as a minimum.

In addition to mains powered smoke detectors, high-rise properties are fitted with:-  
Dry risers

Emergency lighting

Fire safety & emergency signage

Exits/Emergency exits

Fire extinguishers are provided in communal rooms, plant rooms etc.

Following consultation with Fire Service, fire blankets have been provided to all high-rise flats.

Sprinklers (installation starts early 2019).

Q Is fire safety guidance provided to residents of high-rise blocks when they move in?

A States of Jersey Fire Service leaflets are included in client sign-up packs. These were re-issued to all clients by the Fire Service during their rapid response home visits on 14th June 2017.

Q How many of your properties/estates have been clad with insulation materials the same or similar to that used on Grenfell Tower and how has it been applied/what systems have been used?

A Andium Homes has not employed the materials reported to have been used at the Grenfell Tower.

Q Are you confident that, in the wake of the London fire, these measures are adequate and will you be reviewing them?

A Safety of our clients is paramount. We are confident that our homes are safe, but we are not complacent. We are working with the States of Jersey Fire Service and Building Control team to review both fire procedures and how we refurbish our high-rise homes.

Q Is the UK followed in terms of which materials are certified for use on high-rise and other buildings? It has been reported, for example, that the material used in London was banned in the United States.

A Yes, the States of Jersey Building Bye-Law Regulations are based on UK regulations.

Our architects have confirmed that the system used at Grenfell Tower has not been used on an Andium project. We are unable to comment on whether cladding systems have been banned in the USA.

Q It has been suggested that gas poses a risk in high-rise developments. Are there gas supplies in the Island's high-rises, including bottled gas, or is it solely electric power?

A Gas is not used in the high-rise buildings and Andium Homes took the decision to remove gas supplies to all its other properties a number of years ago. Additionally, Andium Homes do not permit the use of bottled gas in high-rise properties.

Q Building by-laws in Jersey require sprinklers to be fitted in all new buildings of six-storeys or above, and in basement parking areas. Have sprinkler/alarm systems been fitted as part of high-rise refurbishments?

A The retrofitting of sprinkler systems is not a requirement of either Building Bye-Laws or the Fire Service Law. Each home is fitted with a mains wired smoke detector and inspected regularly as part of our Planned Maintenance Programme.

Q What is the policy regarding fire-safety measures, such as smoke and fire alarms and sprinklers, in high- and low-rise properties?

A Andium Homes fit mains wired smoke detectors to all our properties as standard. The smoke detectors are checked at change of tenancy, and replaced every 10 years as part of a rolling maintenance programme. Other fire safety measures such as dry risers & emergency lighting are inspected and maintained in accordance with the relevant British Standards.

Q Whatever the outcome of the Grenfell Tower public inquiry, and the review of building control/fire safety in high-rises, will Andium follow any recommendations made?

A Andium Homes will adhere to any requirement changes that are introduced to either Building Bye-Laws or Fire Service Regulations.