

# Fire Safety Guidelines for HDB Estates

There are hundreds of fires in HDB common areas every year. Last year alone saw more than **700** cases of residential fires involving discarded items at common spaces in public housing estates such as corridors, passageways, lift lobbies, staircases and void decks. In one incident, fire caused by a dropped light on a discarded mattress resulted in a power outage for 4 hours, with over 100 residents evacuated.



**Fire damage to lift lobby involving discarded mattress**

It is important not to block common corridors and fire fighting equipment (e.g. dry risers & hose reels) as this can seriously hamper fire fighting and rescue efforts in an emergency. Emergency crews need at least 1.2 m clear route to gain access to a casualty's unit.



The Singapore Civil Defence Force has come up with some simple fire safety guidelines for HDB estates.

Keeping these guidelines will help create a safer living environment for you and your loved ones. Check out the guidelines at SCDF website at [www.scdf.gov.sg](http://www.scdf.gov.sg)