

# 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.



Clear width of 1.2m with placement of small shoe rack.



Obstruction to emergency crew access due to constricted corridor.

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)