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All Greater Manchester
Housing Providers & Managing Agents

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Dear Sir or Madam,

****Fire Safety Alert: New MHCLG advice released****

I am writing to draw your attention to information that was released by the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) on the 20th January 2020 for building owners and those responsible for multi-storey & multi-occupied residential buildings.

This Advice consolidates the previous 22 Advice Notes previously issued by MHCLG as part of their Building Safety Programme issued since 2017 which were predominantly focussed on high rise buildings. This Advice now covers all multi-occupied residential building regardless of height and makes clear that the risk of external fire spread should be considered as part of the fire risk assessment for all buildings.

I have enclosed a copy of the Advice and the Appendix which relates to Fire Doors and a link can be found at the end of this letter.

Following the GMFRS High Rise Meeting for Managing Agents and Housing Providers which took place in October 2019, we will be holding a follow up event to look at the implications of this new advice for housing providers and managing agents and how we can work together to ensure the safety of residents.

We have provisionally booked to hold this event on the Thursday 5th March 2020 at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre, Cassidy Close, M4 5HU. I will be sending through further information including the time and details of how to book your place for this event in due course, until then please save the date in your diaries.



I hope that this information is useful if you have queries that you consider GMFRS can assist with please email highrise@manchesterfire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Hunter', followed by a vertical line.

Tony Hunter
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Enc: MHCLG Advice for Building Owners of Multi-storey, Multi-occupied Residential Buildings

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/859285/Building safety advice for building owners including fire doors - January 2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/859285/Building_safety_advice_for_building_owners_including_fire_doors_-_January_2020.pdf)

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