Tenant Engagement Plan – Compliance & Safety

Purpose

To ensure tenants are informed, supported, and actively engaged in maintaining a safe living environment. This plan supports compliance with the Fire, Gas, Electrical, Water Hygiene, Asbestos, and Lift Safety policies.

Key Themes and Responsibilities

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Theme	What Tenants Need to Know / Do	Engagement Method
Fire Risk Assessments (FRA)	Allow assessors access to communal areas.	Posters, letters, newsletter reminders.
Personalised Fire Risk Assessments (PCFRA)	Inform the Council of any disabilities that may impact evacuation; cooperate with assessments.	Targeted letters, in-person visits, support worker briefings.
Evacuation Strategies	Understand whether your block uses 'stay put' or simultaneous evacuation; do not obstruct exits.	Communal noticeboards, lift signs, leaflets.
Keep Communal Areas Clear	Remove personal items from hallways and stairwells.	"Clear Communal Areas" campaign – visuals + reminders.
Access for Safety Visits	Be available or arrange access for gas/electrical/water/asbestos checks.	Access letters, phone/text reminders.
Lift Safety	Report faults immediately. Avoid misuse or overloading.	Stickers inside lifts, communal briefings.
Gas and Electrical Safety	Annual access is a legal requirement; unsafe appliances can be	Legal access notices, appointment leaflets.

disconnected.

Water Hygiene Run taps and showers if away Welcome pack inserts, for a long period; report annual newsletter.

cloudy water.

Asbestos Do not drill or disturb Leaflets in relevant homes,

surfaces without checking. support during works.

General Safety Awareness Raise safety concerns early Community walkabouts,

and report faults. tenant reps, online portal.

Engagement Channels

Month

- Tenant Handbook / Welcome Pack: Include safety responsibilities and contact details.

- Letters / Postcards: Timed around inspection cycles and annual compliance visits.

- Noticeboards: Core messages around fire safety, clear areas, access.

- Digital Portal / Website: Provide guides, FAQs, updates on compliance programmes.

- Estate Walkabouts: Reinforce communal area checks and visual reminders.

- Tenant Representatives: Use as local champions for safety messaging and reporting.

- Sheltered Schemes: In-person briefings, Easy Read leaflets, and carer support.

12-Month Engagement Timeline (Illustrative)

Month 1 Launch safety awareness campaign – leaflet

drop and website update

Month 2 PCFRA invitation letters to identified

households

Activity

Month 3 Gas Safety access reminders and follow-ups

Month 4 Fire safety walkabouts with housing

officers

Month 6 Tenant newsletter – mid-year compliance

update

Month 8 Lift signage and maintenance window

communication

Month 9 Evacuation strategy refresh and communal

poster update

Success Measures

- % of appointments met on first attempt
- % of tenants who understand fire safety messages (survey)
- Number of PCFRAs completed where needed
- Reduction in blocked communal area cases
- Tenant satisfaction with safety communications