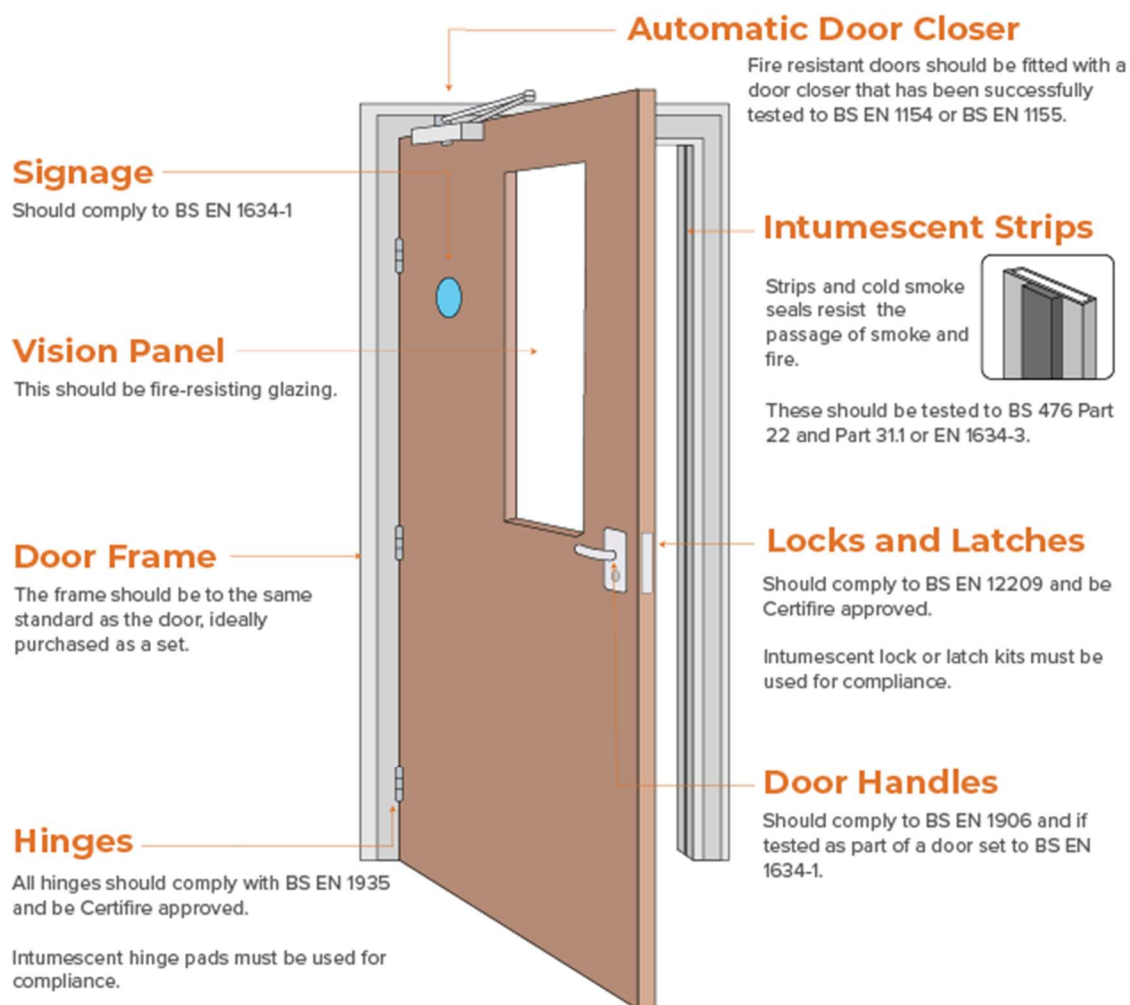


RESIDENT FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

What are fire doors?

Fire doors are specifically made to reduce the spread of fire and toxic smoke within a building. A fire door is made up of the door, its frame and all the fittings like locks, handles, closers and hinges. All these things are designed to resist fire for a certain length of time.



Why are fire doors so important?

Fire doors are important as they protect residents from the spread of fire and smoke. Fire doors are fitted at strategic points throughout your building to ensure that residents have the best level of protection in the event of a fire. If the fire door has been damaged or altered in any way, it may not be able to stop fire and smoke from spreading and could put lives at risk.

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Who is responsible for fire doors in my building?

By law, Downing Living, inspect all fire doors in common areas and flat entrance doors ensuring fire doors are maintained to the required standard.

Studio and flat doors are inspected annually by a certified contractor whilst all other high use doors, such as corridors, are inspected quarterly by the trained Downing Living team.

This is a legal requirement under the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022

If you spot any problems with fire doors in your building or are unsure of anything in relation to their maintenance or operation, you should report to your building management team as soon as possible.

Dos and don'ts with fire doors

- **Never prop, wedge or tie open any fire door;** Fire doors cannot stop the spread of fire if they are propped, wedged or tied open. Never fix anything within the door frame such as exercise equipment which stops the door fully closing. Keep fire doors shut at all times.
- **Never tamper with the fire door closer;** Fire doors (other than those on cupboards which are kept locked) must be fitted with a working fire door closer, so it automatically closes after use. If the fire door was left open, fire and smoke would spread quickly through the building. Fire doors can be heavy to operate but never be tempted to tamper with the closer - it could save your life.
- **Never alter the fire doors in any way;** If any changes are made to the fire door after it is fitted, it may not be able to stop the spread of fire and smoke. Never screw or drill into a fire door. Don't add additional handles, locks or door viewers.
- **Never impede the seals on the doors;** when fire door seals are impeded, they may not operate as designed in the event of a fire which could facilitate the spread of smoke or flame. Seals can be impeded by the use of overdoor hooks, passing led lights through the gaps, or hanging anything from the door or frame.
- **Never attempt to force the door open;** damage to the frame or door compromises the integrity of the whole door and in many cases requires a full replacement. Always request help from the building management team if doors become stuck or you are locked out.
- **Never attempt to repair a door yourself;** all fire door repairs must be carried out by a certified contractor. This is to ensure that the fire door retains its fire resistance integrity. Report any issues to your building management team.