



Fire safety release 2023

Dear Pollari shareholders and residents,

We hope that you will read this release carefully and follow its tips. In this way, we can ensure the fire safety of our homes and Pollari together.

Fire safety in general

The fire alarms in the apartments are linked to each other. If you have more than one fire alarm in your apartment, all of them will sound in alarm when one goes off. Therefore, inspect your entire apartment when the fire alarm sounds. Test the operation of fire alarms once a month by pressing the button on the alarm.

Prevention

Fire alarms give an alarm only when smoke reaches the alarm i.e. the fire alarms do not react immediately when a fire breaks out. The best prevention is to ensure that a fire is not ignited unnecessarily e.g. by positioning candles, open flames etc. near or on flammable materials. Please make sure that you have a fire blanket (Hartela provided one, when moving in). We also recommend a foam fire extinguisher. Make sure in advance that all your household members know where the extinguishing equipment is, and have familiarized themselves with the user instructions.

- **Children**

If you have children at home, practice safe fire handling, and keep matches, lighters and other fire-making equipment out of the reach of children. Also practice fire extinguishing measures and escape routes.

- **Balcony and barbecue**

The barbecue season has started. Windowed balconies heat up easily. Electric grills are safest to use. If you prefer a gas grill, it is important to store LPG containers in the shade and take care of ventilation in general, and especially from below, as LPG is heavier than air. A LPG container should never be stored or used horizontally, and the surface of a LPG container should under no circumstances heat up above 40 degrees. So don't store your LPG container under a hot grill! When you start grilling, always remember to check the condition of the gas hose as well.

Open fire and charcoal grilling on the balcony are prohibited due to the high fire safety risk.

- **Candles, smoking and similar fire sources**

We recommend the use of electric candles. However, if you prefer to use traditional candles, be aware that candles and all other open flames always pose a fire risk. Do not light candles near curtains, tablecloths and other flammable materials or leave them without supervision. Don't forget to take into account air flows generated by opening windows and doors, which can cause curtains to move etc. Especially acrylic curtains are highly flammable. Always use a non-flammable candle base.

Avoid smoking whenever you are at risk of falling asleep.

- **Electrical devices**

Do not leave appliances and other devices on without supervision. Get electric home appliances that turn off automatically. This will increase the fire safety of your home.

Lithium battery fires are one of the worst and most common causes of home fires. Therefore, handle battery devices with care. Always charge mobile phones, PC's and other equipment on a non-flammable surface, away from easily combustible materials. Stop using a device immediately if you notice any malfunction of the device. A malfunction is indicated e.g. by a bulging of the device, a pungent odor or overheating.

Rescue plan

We recommend everyone to familiarize themselves with the rescue plan, which contains clear instructions for first aid extinguishing, the locations of our housing company's portable fire extinguishers and more detailed instructions in case of fire. The rescue plan has been distributed to each apartment along with your mail, and the rescue plan can also be found in the Premis system. **NOTE the new extinguishers mentioned below, are not mentioned in the plan mailed to you.**

In case of fire

In the event of a fire, call the emergency number 112 immediately if you are even slightly unsure whether you will be able to - or have managed to - extinguish the fire. Lithium battery fires, in particular, may flare up again. The rescue department will check the situation free of charge. It is always better to call early than to react too late.

If you have to extinguish a fire, the most important thing is to stay calm. If you need help with the use of fire extinguishing equipment, call the emergency number 112 or use the 112 Finland application. They will help you on using the equipment safely.

First aid extinguishing methods

Oil, grease or stearin fires must not be extinguished with water as this will accelerate the fire and cause a splashing and combustion reaction. Use a fire blanket to suppress the fire. If the fire spreads even slightly, call 112. If the fire spreads to e.g. textiles you can continue extinguishing efforts with a fire extinguisher or water while awaiting the fire brigade.

The easiest way to extinguish fires in electric devices at home is by suppression. (NOTE exception: lithium battery devices). The first thing you should do is unplug the device if possible. If the fire spreads to e.g. textiles and non-lithium devices, first aid extinguishing can be continued with a portable fire extinguisher or water.

A lithium battery fire cannot be extinguished by suppression. After calling 112, first aid extinguishing can be attempted with a foam fire extinguisher. Smoke with a pungent odor is toxic. Close all doors of the apartment and exit without delay if the initial extinguishing was unsuccessful.

Acquiring your own portable foam fire extinguisher is recommended. During June 2023, additional common fire extinguishers will be installed in the SmartPost space located in 1A lobby, on the 6th floor of staircase B and on the 11th floor of staircase A.

Foam fire extinguisher can also be found in the club room, the sauna on the 7th floor and the laundry on the 2nd floor of staircase B (NOTE: These are often behind locked doors, hence the new extinguishers).

At the end of the fire extinguishing situation, both the activation of the smoke alarm and the use of a public area fire extinguisher must be notified to the maintenance company so that they can replace the used equipment with new.

Key points when using fire blankets:

- When pulling the fire blanket out of the bag, roll your hands inside the fire blanket so that your hands do not suffer burns
- When using a fire blanket: Always look at a fire through the fire blanket to protect your face. Do not look at the fire over the fire blanket, from the side, etc.
- Approach the fire calmly
- Place the fire blanket firmly over the fire to prevent the fire from getting more oxygen
- Keep in mind that a fire can rekindle when it receives oxygen again. A seemingly extinguished object may flare up again.
- If you are unsure whether a fire has been fully extinguished, leave a fire blanket over the fire and call the fire department to ensure the situation.