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# COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERS

## Fire Safety Guidelines for HDB Estates

### Guidelines On The Use of Common Areas in HDB Estates

There are hundreds of fires in HDB common areas every year. Obstruction to common corridors and fire fighting equipment (e.g. dry risers & hose reels) can seriously hamper fire fighting efforts and smooth evacuation in a fire emergency, endangering your lives. Following the guidelines will help create a safer living environment for your loved ones.

#### Guidelines on Usage of Common Corridor

While SCDF does not permit the storage of combustible materials along common corridors, we can allow for the placement of shoe racks, provided:-

- a. It is for the sole purpose of keeping shoes, whereby, it would not constitute a substantial fire load,
- b. A minimum clear escape passage of 1.2\* m clearance is to be maintained from the parapet wall where the shoe rack is to be allowed.
- c. No objects are to be placed along common corridors less than 1.2 m\* wide.
- d. No placement of items such as clothing racks unless they can be easily folded or removed in times of emergency so that they do not obstruct the escape route.

\*The minimum unobstructed width of the corridor was increased from 1m to 1.2m after the revision of the Fire Code in 2013.

**PERMITTED 允许**



Small shoe rack for the purpose of keeping shoes.  
用于存放鞋子的小鞋架。



Clear width of 1.2m with placement of foldable/removable clothing rack.  
置放可折叠/移除衣架后,走廊的净宽度为1.2米。



Ambulance crew and wheel chair bounded person requires at least 1.2m clear width for access.  
救护人员和使用轮椅的人士需要至少1.2米的畅通空间才能顺利通过。

**NOT PERMITTED 不允许**



Excessive storage of combustibles.  
储存过多的易燃物品。



Installation of fixed laundry rack at common corridor.  
衣架固定安装在公用走廊。



Obstruction to emergency crew access due to constricted corridor.  
被阻碍的走廊阻碍救护人员的出入。

## Guidelines on Staircases and Its Landing

Strictly no placement/storage of objects at staircases and its immediate landing is allowed.



## Guidelines on Maintenance of Fire Safety/Fighting Provisions

Fire safety / fighting provisions are to be regularly serviced and ensure its operational readiness at all times. Access to the fire safety/fighting provisions should not be impeded at all times.

- a. No placement/storage of items within dry/wet riser compartment.
- b. No placement/storage of items within hosereel compartment.
- c. Access to dry/wet landing valves and dry/wet riser breaching inlet at common areas should not be obstructed.
- d. Lugs to the landing valves are to be checked regularly to ensure that it is present. If found to be missing, to replace the missing pieces as soon as possible.
- e. Fire Alarm System is to be 'ON' and operationally ready at all times.
- f. Smoke or heat detectors must be properly and regularly maintained.

**PERMITTED 允许**



No storage within dry/wet riser compartment.  
并无在消防干/湿喉管内储存物品。



No obstruction to breaching inlet.  
并无阻碍分支连接器入水喉。



Operational ready fire alarm panel with key in break glass panel.  
可正常操作的火灾警报面板，火灾警报玻璃罩内含有钥匙。



No obstruction to hose reel within hose reel compartment.  
并无阻碍消防水管架内的消防水管。

**NOT PERMITTED 不允许**



Excessive storage within dry riser compartment.  
在消防干喉管内过度储存杂物。



Obstruction to landing valve and missing landing valve lug.  
阻碍起落阀且缺少起落阀凸耳。



Missing landing valve lug.  
遗失的起落阀凸耳。



Non maintenance to the breaching inlet cabinet  
分支连接器入水喉柜缺乏保养。



Isolation of fire alarm panel and missing key in break glass panel.  
隔离火灾警报面板，且火灾警报玻璃罩内缺少钥匙。



Storage of items within hose reel compartment.  
在消防水管架内储存杂物。

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