

# **IF YOU HEAR THE FIRE ALARM AND CANNOT LEAVE YOUR APARTMENT**

You must protect yourself from smoke. Stay in your apartment until you are rescued or until you are told to leave. This may take a long time.

Do not try to leave your apartment a long time after the alarm has sounded. The longer you wait, the more risk there is that heavy smoke will have spread into the stairways and corridors. Your chances of survival are less.

- Keep smoke from entering your apartment. Use duct tape to seal cracks around the door and place wet towels at the bottom. Seal vents or air ducts the same way.
- If smoke still enters your apartment, telephone the fire department, tell them where you are and move to the balcony. Close the doors behind you.
- If you don't have a balcony, go to the most smoke-free room, close the door and seal it with tape and towels. Open the window for fresh air.
- Show your rescuers where you are by hanging a sheet from the window or balcony.
- Keep low to the floor where the air is cleaner.
- Listen for instructions from authorities.

## **REMEMBER, FIRE SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU.**

Find out about fire safety in your building. For more information to help you survive a fire, ask your building management or your fire department.