

# Fire safety design guide for residential community housing

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## Introduction

This practical guide provides a framework for the development of an alternative solution to demonstrate compliance with New Zealand Building Code C1–C6 Protection from fire.

It has been jointly developed by MBIE, the Ministry of Health, Fire and Emergency NZ, Housing New Zealand, Community Housing Aotearoa, New Zealand Disability Support Network, Disability Support Network, Disabled Persons Assembly and a building consent authority representative.

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The intention is for the design guide to be used as an alternative solution framework for fire safety design of new residential community housing. It will help building consent authorities to determine a baseline level of fire safety compliance, taking specific occupant characteristics and their vulnerabilities into account.

In addition, it provides a baseline level of compliance for assessing the fire safety of existing buildings in accordance with Section 112 of the Building Act where fire safety upgrades are required to a level that is 'As Near As is Reasonably Practicable' to the Building Code.

It is not mandatory to follow this design guide.

All guidance documents related to C1 Objectives of Clauses C2 to C6([https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=c1-objectives-of-clauses-c2-c6&area=guidance&show=all&action\\_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results](https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=c1-objectives-of-clauses-c2-c6&area=guidance&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results))



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