

# Ensuring safety at home

A look at some common fire hazards and fire protection measures in a flat

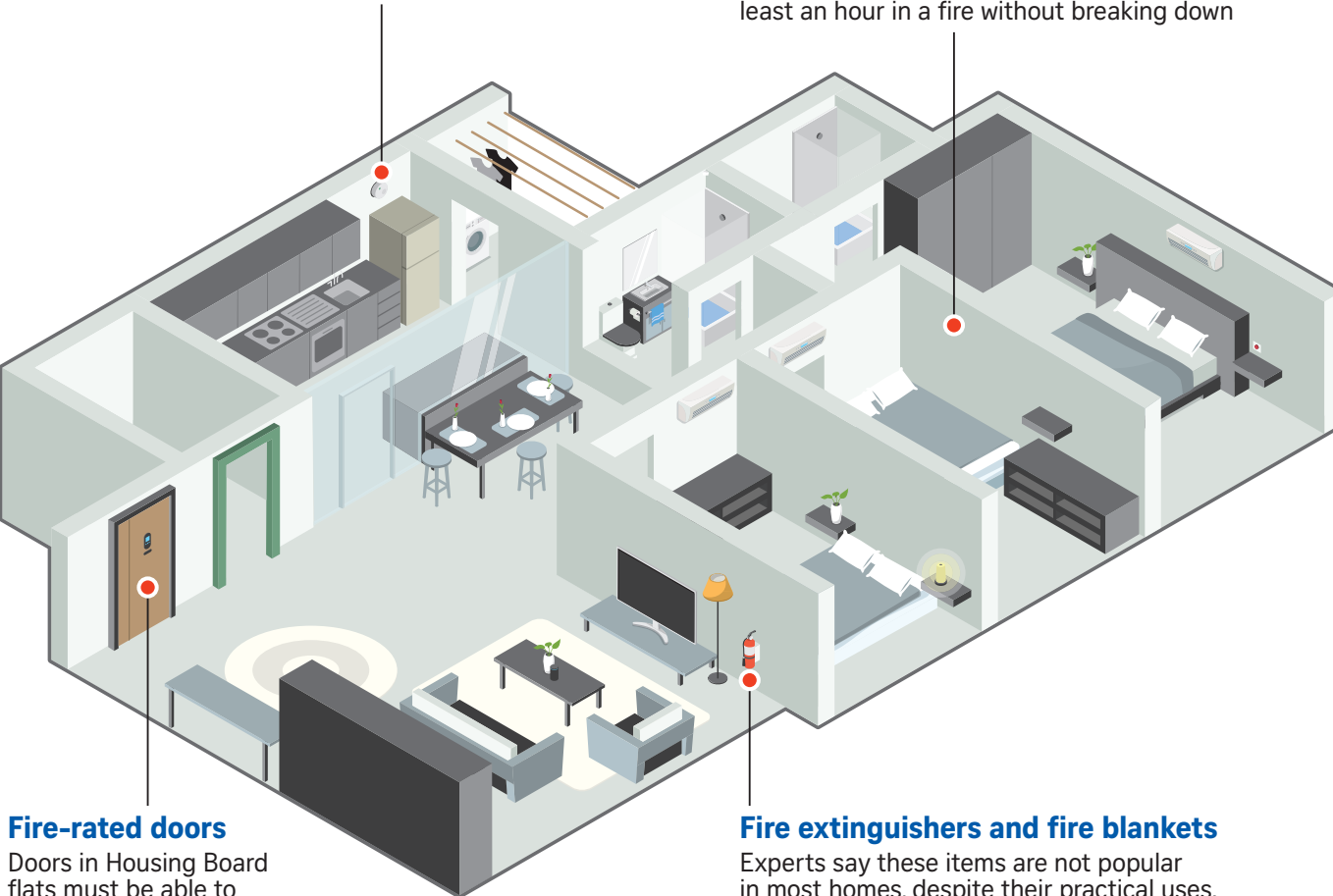
## FIRE SAFETY MEASURES

### Home fire alarm device

Since June last year, all new residential homes must have smoke or heat detectors

### Non-combustible walls

Made of non-combustible materials, the walls help compartmentalise each section and can last for at least an hour in a fire without breaking down



### Fire-rated doors

Doors in Housing Board flats must be able to withstand and contain fires

### Fire extinguishers and fire blankets

Experts say these items are not popular in most homes, despite their practical uses. Store items in a cool and easy-to-access place

## COMMON FIRE HAZARDS



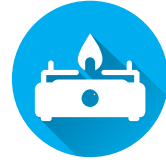
PMDs left charging overnight without supervision



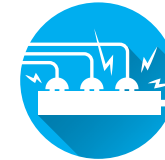
Lit cigarette butts



Incense and candles near flammable materials



Unattended fires in the kitchen



Overloaded power sockets

## MANAGING FIRES

Buy home insurance that would insure your home's contents – the mandatory HDB fire insurance does not cover the home's contents

When a fire occurs, follow these steps

**1** Shout and alert others to the fire

**2** Evacuate and close the door, if possible, to contain the fire

**3** Dial 995 for the Singapore Civil Defence Force

