

**Condition 57. You must allow our employees, representatives and contractors to come into your property to service any electrical and gas supplies and appliances that we are responsible for maintaining.**

**Condition 58. You must allow our employees, representatives and contractors into your property to carry out repairs, servicing, inspections, or other works, where we consider it necessary.**

**Condition 59. You must allow our employees, representatives and contractors into your property if we need to carry out work to an adjoining property, and there is no other reasonable means of access (examples of such works are, but not limited to, scaffolding, access to boundary walls, roofing, tree works).**

If we need to carry out any work to your property, we will give you adequate notice of the date and the reason. If you refuse us access, or we are unable to gain access, we will apply to the court for permission to gain entry to carry out the works.

If the court gives us permission, you will be responsible for the court costs and any additional costs that result from us not being able to gain access to your property.

If you live in a flat or maisonette we may need to carry out work or repairs on your block for which we will require access to a number of properties. If we need to come into your property, we will give you adequate notice of the date and the reason. If, on that date, we are unable to gain access to your property, we will force entry under certain circumstances. Those circumstances would be where:

- essential works could not be carried out unless all tenants give access on the date given
- other tenants would be caused extreme inconvenience or distress
- we would have to pay additional costs
- damage is being caused to communal parts; for example, service ducts.

The circumstances would be those that could result in a fire hazard, gas leak or flooding.

Our usual practice is to give at least 24 hours' written notice that we need to access your property. In case of an emergency or when urgent health and safety repairs are required, we may have to enter your property without giving notice and, if necessary, force entry.

If we need to carry out work to the outside of your block, we will ask you to remove objects from your individual balcony. If you refuse to remove them and your refusal means that we are unable to complete the planned work, we will move the objects and may dispose of them.

If we require access to your home and you prevent us from entering, and this causes further damage to your property or to another, we may charge you for any repairs that then become necessary.

You should always ask contractors or workers for official identification before you let them into your property. If they do not have proof of identity, you can refuse to allow them into your home.

## **2.11 Fences**

**Condition 60. You are responsible for keeping dividing fences in good repair and not causing any willful damage to fencing.**

We will only repair or replace boundary fences and gates where the fence separates your garden from a public right of way; for example, a road or alleyway. We will not necessarily replace any such fencing in a similar style or material as the previous one.

## **2.12 Temporary vacation of property**

**Condition 61. Where we consider it necessary to carry out repairs, improvements or other works which cannot be carried out with you and members of your household living in the property, we will try to re-house you temporarily in a suitable alternative property. If you are moved to an alternative property, you must return to the original property once the works have been completed.**

## **2.13 Gas safety**

**Condition 62. You must allow our employees or contractors access to your home to carry out a gas safety inspection.**