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“Fire Leads to London Residential Block Evacuation”

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Multiple fire crews were called to Rainham, East London, in the early hours of 24 October 2025, following reports of a blaze at a five-storey block of flats

London Fire Brigade (LFB) mobilised 10 fire appliances and more than 100 firefighters to tackle the fire on the third and fourth floors of the residential building. Fire crews from Dagenham, Tottenham, Wennington, and surrounding fire stations attended the incident.

Around 50 people left the building prior to emergency services arriving, and there were no reports of any injuries. LFB confirmed that a rest centre had been set up for residents at Mardyke Community Centre.

In an update on X, LFB said: “Firefighters are tackling a fire in a five-storey block of flats on Broadis Way in Rainham. Residents in the area are advised to keep their doors and windows closed due to the smoke.”

Video footage of the incident, shared on social media, shows a large plume of smoke surrounding the scene and flames issuing from two of the block’s flats.

The brigade later reported that two balconies had been destroyed by the blaze. Half of a four-roomed flat on the third floor and part of a four-roomed flat on the fourth floor were also damaged by fire.

Firefighters added that a small part of the roof had also been affected.

Utilising a 32-metre turntable ladder as a water tower to help fight the fire from above, crews were able to bring the fire under control shortly before 7.30am.

A spokesperson for the LFB confirmed that an investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing.

The first document the investigating Fire Officer will ask for is the last fire risk assessment. Updated and fully reviewed fire risk assessments go along way.

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