

## 18. Shared Areas of the Building

### (1) Stairways and Hallways

#### **Warning**

Stairways and hallways are used by everyone, and are evacuation routes in time of emergencies. Storing or placing items such as bicycles, baby carriages and boxes in these areas is not only a nuisance, but can prevent smooth evacuation of the building if needed. Additionally, placing these items in the hallway is dangerous, as small children may climb on them and hurt themselves if they fall off. Please avoid placing these items in stairways and hallways.

Additionally, some apartments have handrails fitted to assist the elderly and disabled. Hanging umbrellas and other items on the handrails, as well as climbing and playing on the handrails, may not only inconvenience those who require their use, but may result in tripping, falling, or other accidents. Therefore, please avoid using handrails in such ways.



- ⦿ Do not flush water on stairs or hallway floors, as it may cause leakage.
- ⦿ In apartment complexes constructed of concrete, sound carries a long way. Please take your neighbors into consideration when walking down hallways in footwear that makes a loud noise.

### (2) Rooftops

Aside from certain exceptions in some municipalities, you are not allowed to go onto the roof.

### (3) Elevator

#### **Warning**

If you become trapped inside a stopped elevator, push the "call" button on the control panel intercom to summon help.

In addition, the elevator may stop in the case of natural disasters or earthquakes. Do not under any circumstance use elevators at these times. Please evacuate via the stairs.

High-rise housing has elevators. The elevators are important means of transportation. If you wrongly use or vandalize the elevator, it may cause unexpected failures or accidents. As the result, you will cause many people a lot of inconvenience. If the worst happens, elevator passengers will be injured. UR tenant parents are requested to tell your children, in particular, on a routine basis not to vandalize the elevator.

#### ◆ Cautions for Use of Elevators ◆

- ◎ Leaning on or touching the elevator door creates a risk of your hand being drawn into the recess when the door opens. Keep off the elevator doors.
- ◎ If you act up or jump in the elevator, the elevator will suddenly stop and you will be trapped in the elevator. Do not act up or jump in the elevator.
- ◎ Children are required to be accompanied by their parents or other adults.
- ◎ If dust accumulates or small objects get stuck in the door grooves, the door may not close or the elevator may stop moving. Please keep the grooves clear of any obstruction.
- ◎ When an elevator has passengers over its rated loading capacity, an alarm will buzz and it will come to a stop. If this is the case, the passengers near the elevator door are requested to get off the elevator one by one until the alarm stops.
- ◎ If you press the floor buttons more than you need, you will cause other elevator passengers a lot of inconvenience, and also it will cause machine failures.



### (4) Automatic Door Lock System

Some apartment complexes have an automatic door lock system to prevent visitors from entering the building without permission.

Wrong use or rough operation will cause many people a lot of inconvenience. Use it carefully.