

# Firefighters taken to hospital after Lambeth tower fire

Five firefighters have been treated for the effects of smoke inhalation after being stuck in a lift while they tackled a blaze in south London.

They were called to a 17-storey tower block at Salamanca Place, Lambeth, when the blaze started in the early hours.

The firefighters who suffered from smoke inhalation have since been released from hospital.

More than 100 people were moved from the building when the fire started on the fourth floor just before 0300 BST.

At its height 75 firefighters tackled the flames and it took more than two hours to bring the fire under control.

A spokesperson for Lambeth fire station said: "There was extensive damage. The whole floor and corridor basically isn't there anymore."

The police on the scene noted that whilst nobody was badly hurt, the 4th floor had suffered extensive fire damage, and the floors below would likely be damaged on account of the quantity of water required to extinguish the fire.

The BBC were alerted very promptly, due to a resident with links to the organisation, and **their report** notes that nine people were rescued from third and fourth floors by ladder, some from their balconies. Another ten were helped to safety via internal staircases.





