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伦敦西部24层高的格伦费尔大厦被大火吞没，50多人被送往就医。

More than 50 people have been hospitalized after a massive fire engulfed Grenfell Tower, a 24-story apartment block in west London, according to emergency services.

"We have now taken over 50 patients to five hospitals across London following the incident at Grenfell Tower," London Ambulance Service's assistant director of operations, Stuart Crichton, said in a statement on Twitter.



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 **London Ambulance Service** 
NHS Trust

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London Ambulance Service Assistant Director of Operations, Stuart Crichton said:

"We have now taken over 50 patients to five hospitals across London following the incident at Grenfell Tower, Lancaster West Estate, W11. Our thoughts are with everyone affected.

"Over 100 of our medics are working hard to respond to this incident, including ambulance crews, advanced paramedics, advanced trauma teams from London's Air Ambulance and those staff managing the incident in our special operations centre. In addition, our hazardous area response team are also on scene.

"A major incident has been declared and we continue to work closely with other members of the emergency services at the scene.

"Members of the public who are concerned about friends and relatives should contact the police Casualty Bureau on 0800 096 1233.

"As always, we urge Londoners to only call us in a genuine emergency and to call NHS 111 for urgent healthcare advice."

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London Fire Commissioner Dany Cotton said there had been "a number of fatalities," but because of the size and

complexity of the building, the exact number cannot be determined yet.

"This is an unprecedented incident," she said. "In my 29 years of being a firefighter, I have never ever seen anything of this scale."



Ambulances are stationed near the fire scene in London./VCG Photo?

The fire, which reportedly started at 1:16 a.m. local time (0016GMT) on Wednesday, began on the second floor, according to the London Fire Brigade.

The blaze escalated quickly, a witness told the BBC. Soon the whole building was engulfed in flames with people screaming for help and throwing children out of windows.



Huge fire engulfs the building as firefighters battle the blaze on Wednesday morning./VCG Photo

At least 40 fire engines and 200 firefighters have been dispatched to tackle the blaze. Police have formed cordons around the building and around 30 adjacent flats have been evacuated.

Fire in London



Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said on Twitter that "major incident" status had been declared.

The Grenfell Tower, built in 1974, contains 120 homes, according to Kensington and Chelsea Council. The Local Grenfell Action Group said the building had been a fire risk and access to the site may have been "severely restricted," according to the BBC.

A man living on the 17th floor told local media that there was no fire alarm in the building and that residents had long been concerned about the building's safety.

The cause of the fire is still not known.



Fire rips through Grenfell Tower as firefighters attempt to control the blaze./VCG Photo

How to escape a fire in a high-rise building

- Heed the alarm. If the fire alarm sounds, do not assume it's a test or a false alarm and do not wait to see what happens.
- Protect yourself from smoke. Smoke is toxic and many caught in fires die from smoke inhalation.
- Never use the elevator. Always take the stairs to exit as elevators may malfunction during a fire.

