

# Weekend fire

Two men and a woman had to be led to safety by firefighters after a blaze took hold in a tenement flat in Edinburgh this weekend.

Crews were called to Watson Crescent just after 8pm on Saturday following reports of a flat alight. The fire had started in a first floor flat of a four storey tenement building and was well alight by the time crews arrived.

Around 12 residents had managed to get out of the building but three needed to be rescued by firefighters wearing breathing apparatus.

The male occupant of the first floor flat, aged 60, was suffering severe smoke inhalation and slight burns to his hands and face.

A 38-year-old woman and a 43-year-old man from the second floor were also affected by smoke inhalation.

All three were taken by ambulance to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

A spokeswoman for Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service said: "This was a fierce fire and we used eight firefighters wearing breathing apparatus to fight the blaze. Police needed to close the streets leading to Watson Crescent whilst the fire was being dealt with. It was finally extinguished just after 2am. The tenement was badly damaged and fire investigation is being carried out to establish the cause."