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Imagine the hardships of being displaced from your home for 15 months and counting ...

Recovering from an unsprinklered high-rise fire is a long and arduous process, leaving residents' living situations in limbo. As one of Chicago's 17 unsprinklered residential high-rise fires in 2023, Harper Square Cooperative (4850 S. Lake Park Ave.) remains an unfortunate example.

- **Photo 1:** On January 25, 2023, a fire began in a residential unit and raced up 10 floors on the exterior, killing one resident and injuring 8 others and a Chicago firefighter.
- **Photo 2:** One year later, more than 200 residents from 140+ units are still displaced with no end in sight for them moving back in.
- **Photo 3:** At 15 months, windows are nearly replaced, however, reconstruction inside the units is ongoing and residents remain displaced.

Fire sprinklers are the most effective solution to reducing the fire risk, protecting both residents and firefighters. They individually activate to control a fire while it is still small and reduce smoke. **Is your high-rise fully protected with fire sprinklers?**



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