

FIRE SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

REMEMBER, IN THE EVENT
OF A FIRE, GET OUT, STAY OUT
AND CALL
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Fires are statistically more likely to happen in rented or shared accommodation, so protect yourself and your flatmates by reading this advice:

PLAY YOUR PART

- Report any fire risks to the Reception.
- Pay attention to fire drills and never ignore a fire alarm.
- Don't tamper with firefighting equipment. It's a criminal offence and would lead to disciplinary action.
- Remind other people of their safety responsibilities or report concerning behaviour at careteam@exeter.ac.uk

CANDLES

- Candles and incense are not allowed in student residences.
- Why not use LED battery-operated candles instead?



SMOKING



- Smoking and vaping is not allowed in student residences and is a breach of contract.
- You should only smoke outside, 5 metres away from buildings.
- When finished, make sure your cigarette is completely out.
- Dispose of used vapes responsibly and not in general waste bins, as this is a serious fire risk. Dispose of them at designated vape or battery recycling points in the Streatham Campus shops.

ESCAPE ROUTES

- Make sure you and your flatmates know the quickest way out in the event of a fire.
- Plan a second escape route in case the first one is blocked.
- Keep exits clear from clutter.
- Always know where your fob/key is.

FIRE DOORS

- Keep fire doors closed and free from obstructions which would prevent them from closing.
- Do not tamper with or damage fire doors or self-closing devices.
- Report any faults or damage to fire doors as soon as possible by contacting your Residence Reception or on the Home at Halls app.

COOKING

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Deep fat fryers and chip pans are not allowed in student residences.
- Don't cook after consuming alcohol or drugs.
- Clean your oven, hob and grill regularly to stop fat or grease causing a fire.
- Don't cover microwaves.
- Only use an air fryer on a heat-proof surface at least 30cm away from the wall or other appliances.
- Switch off cooking appliances when you leave the room.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Using an extension lead? Make sure all of the items plugged in don't exceed the maximum current rating. Don't overload sockets.
- Don't place laptops on soft, uneven surfaces which can prevent the airflow and cause them to overheat.
- Use approved branded chargers for items like phones to ensure safety.
- Don't leave electrical items like laptops and mobile phones charging overnight or unattended.
- Always turn electrical devices off when not in use.
- Check your electrical appliances are in good working order. If the wires are damaged or frayed, do not use them.



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