

# *Student Housing*

## Fire Safety In Your Home

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## Causes of fires at home

With the majority of fire related casualties and fatalities occurring in domestic premises, it is vital that all tenants have an awareness of fire safety in their home and the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk.



50%

Of all fires are related to food preparation and cooking appliances



36%

Caused by misuse of appliance equipment



6%

Caused by smoking

# Prevention

The best way to keep yourself and your housemates safe from a fire is prevention.

Do not smoke in the property and dispose of cigarette butts responsibly when smoking outside, keeping the garden clear of excess rubbish or flammable items.

Avoid naked flames in the property such as candles and incense sticks.

Familiarise yourself with the escape routes and keep them clear of any obstructions. For some rooms, to avoid exiting through the kitchens or living rooms, the best escape route may be through the window instead.

Avoid overloading sockets with extension leads and splitters. Try to keep 1 plug per socket. Check your appliances and cables regularly for any signs of damage, wear or scorches .

Keep cooker hood and tumble dryer filters clean of grease and lint as these are flammable and in close proximity to heat sources.

Do not leave cooking unattended and avoid cooking when intoxicated or tired. It can make you careless and harder to waken if it catches alight.

**Fire  
escape  
Keep clear**



# Your Fire Safety Equipment:

## Fire Alarms

### *Test them regularly*

Test your alarms by pressing and holding the test button on the alarm until it sounds. Alternate the alarm that you test each time. If it does not sound, submit a maintenance request to your property manager.

## Fire Blanket

### *Know how to use it*

Each property is fitted with a single use fire blanket. Familiarise yourself with its locations and how to use it. If used, contact us to have it changed. **Never put a pan fire under the tap, always use your blanket!**

## Fire Extinguisher

### *Know when to use it*

Some larger properties are provided with fire extinguishers. Not all fires can be tackled with a fire extinguisher. If your property has a fire extinguisher, understand what it can and can not be used on. Information can be found on the extinguisher label or contact us for more information. When in doubt, just get out.

## Doors

### *Not to be propped open*

Some properties are fitted with 30 minute fire resistant doors. These can be identified by the over head self closer. It is recommended that all doors, particularly kitchen and living room doors are kept closed over night. It is essential that fire doors are not propped open and door hooks are not used that will damage the smoke brushes. Test your fire doors - if it does not self close to latch when released, report it to us: [student-housing.co.uk/fix](https://student-housing.co.uk/fix)



# In The Event of a Fire: What to do



- 1. Raise the alarm** - Use the closest manual call point to sound the fire alarm or verbally shout to alert your housemates to the fire.
- 2. Keep low** - Smoke and heat rises. The air will be clearer lower down.
- 3. Check your escape** - Feel the door knob with the back of your hand. If it is hot, the fire is on the other side and try a different escape route.
- 4. Evacuate** - Exit via the closest safe escape route closing the doors behind you. Do not use lifts if there is one in your building. Do not stop to collect belongings on the way out.
- 5. Call 999** - Call the fire brigade on 999. Do not assume someone else will do it.
- 6. Stay out** - Wait for the fire brigade to say it is safe to re-enter the house.
- 7. Contact Student Housing** - Call 01522 410646 to report the fire and be rehoused if needed.







# *Student Housing*

**Help & Advice:**

[info@Student-Housing.co.uk](mailto:info@Student-Housing.co.uk)

**Report Maintenance:**

[www.Student-Housing.co.uk/Fix](http://www.Student-Housing.co.uk/Fix)