

# Fire Safety in Residence

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## What fire safety measures are in place in your residence?

- All residences have fire systems constantly monitoring your surroundings.
- All kitchens have heat sensors and fire blankets.
- All bedrooms and corridors have smoke sensors.
- Every flat has fire fighting equipment and protected fire evacuation routes.
- Residential Services has a Safety Committee and every residence site has a nominated member of staff responsible for implementing fire safety – ask your Residence Manager for details.
- Our Residence Regulations contain essential fire safety information – read more about fire safety in the [Residence Regulations](#).

## What steps can you take to help ensure your safety?

- Keep fire doors closed.
- Don't leave cooking unattended.
- Keep fire exits clear to allow quick evacuation.
- Always evacuate when you hear the alarms.
- Don't smoke in the buildings – the University is a Smoke free zone and has a [Smoke free Policy](#).
- Do not stop to collect your belongings in the event you need to evacuate.

## How can you help us avoid false alarms?

- Don't use hairspray in the vicinity of automatic fire detectors – they will set them off!
- Never wedge open fire doors.
- Don't leave your cooking unattended – many false alarms are set off by smoke from forgotten cooking.
- Do not tamper with smoke or heat detectors – safety systems will register that you have tampered with the detector and you may set off the alarms.

## Fire Safety

Have a look around at the fire and safety signs located in your property – they are provided to ensure your safety. Fire safety information sheets are provided on the back of your study room door and displayed in the kitchen area.

- Keep all communal areas and fire exits clear of personal belongings at all times.
- Burnt grease on cooker hobs is a fire hazard so be sure to clean them regularly.
- Candles, incense sticks and burners pose a real fire risk and are not permitted in residences.
- Personal heaters, gas canisters and other flammable materials are not permitted in residences.
- Personal cooking equipment (such as: hot plates; grills; sandwich toasters; rice cookers) must only be used and stored in kitchen areas. Use of such items is not permitted in bedrooms.
- Deep fat fryers pose a significant fire risk and are not permitted in residences.

For concise and easily accessible notes on fire safety, you can log back into your Accommodation Induction via your [Accommodation Account](#). The module will only take a couple of minutes and it's a quick step to looking after yourself and your housemates. You can also watch our [Fire Safety Video](#) online to see how quickly a fire can spread in a student bedroom.

Please remember that fire rules and regulations are in place to protect you and other residents from the risk of fire. We have a responsibility to ensure that you know what to do in the event of an emergency, so please take the time to familiarise yourself with the basics to keep you safe.