

What to do if you discover a fire?



- **Activate the Break Glass Call Point, which you'll find by the exit points on each floor**
- **Make sure you get out of your room and building, and close the doors behind you! The fire doors are there to prevent the spread of fire and smoke**

If you have a disability or other concerns, make sure you register with the Disability Services at the University to discuss your own personal evacuation plan.

What to do when you hear the fire alarm?

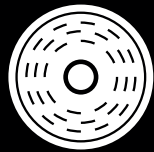


- **Get out of the building safely and calmly**
- **Report to the assembly point - Don't even think about stopping to pick up your valuable stuff (they are replaceable, you are not)**

If something's in the way of you getting out, try another exit. If this isn't possible, get back to your room, shut the door, and call out of the window for help.
Stay in your room unless you've been told otherwise by the Fire Crews

Free smoke alarms are available by calling:

0800 1691234



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Hi guys and gals,

If you're a complete newbie to University, or a returning student, we want you to have the best possible time with us. This means leaving in the same healthy, non-traumatised state as you came to us in. This leaflet's got lots of useful stuff in it, like how to help you stay away from risks and general fire-related unpleasantness, as well as saving us a huge amount of money in avoidable false alarms. So please do take a minute or two to read through this clever little booklet we have tailor made, just for you.

Smoking

Your University has a strict NO SMOKING policy, this means you can only smoke in a DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA.

Even if you are smoking in these areas, make sure you don't leave a lit cigarette lying around. Use a proper ashtray, not the floor and make sure it's really stubbed out. It sounds obvious but you'd be surprised.

Believe it or not, despite all the 'No Smoking' signs, there have still been people attempting a crafty cigarette in their rooms. We've been called out for cigarette fires many a time where students have smoked in their room, not properly extinguished their cigarette and it's burnt in their bin and started a (proper) fire. It's people like this that not only put their own lives at risk, but the lives of everyone in their block, as well as wrecking all of their stuff with smoke and fire damage. Not really very clever if you think about it.

Candles

Candles are pretty, and set the mood well, but the University has a strict NO CANDLES policy - so please don't be tempted, they can be dangerous and play havoc with our fire alarms.

In the event of a power failure, please use torches, not candles. There are emergency lights dotted around the halls, and they'll automatically come on in the event of a power failure, so you won't be left in the dark.



Cooking

Your University will have banned the use of deep fat fryers and chip pans.

If you're going to get your cook on, make sure not to get distracted and leave your food a-sizzling. If your mobile rings, someone comes knocking at the door or Facebook chat beeps, take your food off the heat or if your flatmate's in the kitchen, get them to look after it for a minute. Don't leave it to burn, this is how fires can start.

Also, clean the grill regularly of oil or food debris, like crumbs etc as they can catch fire.



False Alarms

Responding to false fire alarms costs the fire service hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. More importantly, it also risks the lives of people who need us in real emergencies. Take a glance down at the most common causes of false alarms and how to avoid them.

Also, if you come across somebody else risking a false alarm, please give them a little nudge in the direction of this informative little number. We'll be mighty thankful for it.

DON'T BE A TIME WASTER

The Main Causes

Smoking:

Don't smoke in your room. Just don't do it. Ever. It'll make your room stink like stale smoke and add to the thousands of false alarms we already receive every year.



Careless Cooking:

From Sunday roasts to Super Noodles, the first step in becoming a great cook is being an attentive host to your food, so don't go wandering off and letting it burn.



Hair Spray:

One of the main causes of false alarms is hair spray, and it often delights in messing up our day. Please save us the very expensive and labour intensive job of rushing round to air out your room.



Deodorants:

Just like hair spray, deodorants love to clog up fire alarms, so please don't douse yourself in the stuff. We'd be very grateful, as would your lungs.



Wedged Open Doors:

We invest lots of time to make sure that fire doors work, so please let them by not wedging them open. They're designed to keep out nasty things like smoke and fire, not to annoy you (we promise!).



Shower Steam:

Showering is wonderful, and we encourage doing it regularly. When you do decide to scrub up though, please shut the door. Showers and radios are a winning combination, shower steam and fire alarms, however, are not.



Hair Straighteners:

These things are designed to get really hot, so keep your eye on them and don't let them set off the alarms as well as cooking your hair.

