

## Accommodation Fire Evacuation Procedure Transcript

### Slide One - The Fire Evacuation Procedure

Fires are serious things and it's important that you understand the fire evacuation procedure.

Student accommodation can be at high risk of fire, with those living in rented or shared accommodation being seven times more likely to have a fire.

### Slide Two – Did you know:

- 19% of students have a broken smoke alarm
- 55% of 18-24 year old fire related deaths, occurred through the misuse of cooking appliances and careless handling of hot substances.
- Over the last 5 years, cigarettes, smoking materials and candles have been the cause of 1,500 injuries in 18-24 year olds.

### Slide Three – Fire Facts

50% of fires are caused by cooking appliances which are by far the largest ignition category.

36% are caused by misuse of appliance equipment.

27% Of accidental fires were related to 'food' in some form.

26% Had a form of 'textiles, upholstery or furnishings' first ignited.

16% Were a result of faulty appliances and leads.

6% By smokers' materials (such as cigarettes and cigars).

### Slide Four – Fire Safety Tips: In the Kitchen

Staying safe in the kitchen

More than half of all fires are started in the kitchen, so it is vital that appropriate care is taken when cooking.

Some of the most common sources of kitchen fire are from leaving cooking appliances on or unattended, or when oil ignites.

### Slide Five – Fire Safety Tips: In the Kitchen 2

- Never leave cooking unattended, double check the hob is turned off when you have finished cooking.
- Beware of loose clothing and tea towels near flames.
- Make sure pan handles don't stick out when cooking.
- Never 'throw' food into hot oil or water. Not only will this likely cause a splash, but it places your hands near the hazard; always use kitchen utensils instead.
- Don't put anything metal in the microwave.

- Avoid cooking if you are tired, or if you are taking medication that may influence alertness.

### Slide Six – Fire Safety Tips: For Electrical Items

Turn off electrical items that you will not be using overnight. Fires can spread rapidly and can cause severe damage before being noticed; you can reduce the risk by turning off any unused electrical appliances.

Overloading sockets is a big no go, never overload electrical sockets or adaptors. Take particular caution with extension leads and high powered items like hair dryers to ensure they will not exceed the maximum current rating stated.

Check the safety of your electrical equipment, including cables and plugs for any damage, wear, and tear. If a wire is frayed or damaged in any way, do not use this electrical item.

### Slide Seven – Prohibited Items Question

Which of the following items are not permitted in your room at the Halls of Residence?

Drag and drop all the items you think are not allowed due to being a fire hazard, onto the prohibited sign.

- Deep Fat Fryer.
- Iron.
- Hair Dryer.
- Incense Sticks.
- Oil Burners.
- Laptop.
- Games Console.
- TV.
- Phone Charger.
- Electrical Fan Heater.
- Electrical Air Fresheners.
- Hair Straighteners.
- Kitchen Appliances.
- Candles (Real or Electric).

Correct

That's right, some items are not allowed in the Halls at all, and some are just not allowed in your room.

Items not permitted in the Halls at all due to risk of fire include: Deep Fat Fryers.

Items not permitted in your room due to risk of fire include: Electrical Fan Heater, Kitchen Appliances, Iron, Oil Burners, Candles (Real or Electric), Electrical Air Fresheners and Incense Sticks.

You are allowed: Laptop, Hair Dryer, Hair Straighteners, Phone Charger, TV, and Games Console.

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## Slide Eight – What should you do if the fire alarm sounds?

If the fire alarm sounds, don't panic.

You should calmly evacuate the building, closing all doors behind you and gather with your flatmates in the fire assembly area.

Fire alarm testing occurs every Wednesday at 11:00am, to make sure the alarm is in good working order.

## Slide Nine – Preventing fire alarms

To prevent the fire alarm sounding whilst cooking you should:

- Keep all fire doors closed.
- Activate the extractor fan over the hob.
- Ensure that the trays and pans I use are free of grease and burnt on food.
- Never leave the kitchen when cooking your food.

## Slide Ten – Smoking in the halls question

True or False

You are allowed to smoke and vape in the Halls of Residence?

Select either the Tick or Cross to answer.

Correct

Smoking and vaping are prohibited throughout all college premises and grounds, including the Halls of Residence. The only exception is the designated smoking and vaping area located behind the C Block common room.

That's not right

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## Slide Eleven – Things to remember

If you discover a fire

- Immediately activate the nearest or safest fire alarm (break glass point).
- Do not wait until you have informed a responsible person.
- Ring 07909892602 to inform the warden of the emergency - if safe to do so.
- Do not attempt to extinguish the fire - unless trained to do so.

On hearing the fire alarm

- Leave the building sensibly by the nearest exit.
- Proceed to the nearest assembly point to your building. See blue 'Fire Action' notices posted in each building.

There are Fire Action notices installed on each level of accommodation.

These give details of what to do in an emergency evacuation and where the assembly point is located.

It is important you make yourself familiar with this information.

## Slide Twelve – Results

Congratulations, you passed.

You did not pass, try again.

If you got any of the questions correct you can use the 'Next' button in the player to skip that section. Make sure you complete any you got wrong.