



Fire Safety Notice

Important Information for
Student Accommodation

Sunlight and Glass

A Hidden Fire Risk in Bedrooms and Shared Spaces

The sun's rays can be magnified by a lens or magnifying mirror. In student accommodation, it is dangerous to leave glass objects near windows, especially in bedrooms and shared areas.

When exposed to direct sunlight, glass items can concentrate the sun's rays and may cause nearby materials to catch fire, including:

- » Curtains or blinds
- » Clothing
- » Paper, books, or revision notes
- » Furniture and bedding

Anything that can focus sunlight, such as magnifying mirrors, shaving or vanity mirrors, glass bottles, fish-bowls, even glasses of water, should be kept away from windows to reduce the risk of a fire starting.

Remember

If it's glass and the sun can hit it, move it away from the window. Small items can cause big fires. Taking a moment to check your room helps protect you, your flatmates, and the building.

Safety Advice for Students

To help keep you and others safe:

- » Keep magnifying mirrors and glass items out of direct sunlight.

- » Never place glass ornaments, glass bottles, mirrors or glasses of water on windowsills.
- » Be aware of everyday items in your room that may be exposed to direct sunlight.

Additional Fire Risk: Electronic and Personal Devices

Some everyday electronic and personal devices can increase fire risk if left in direct sunlight, charging unattended, or placed on soft furnishings. Take extra care with the following items:

- » Smartphones and tablets
- » Laptops and ultrabooks
- » Smartwatches and fitness trackers
- » Wireless earbuds and headphones
- » Digital cameras and camcorders
- » Portable gaming consoles
- » Electric toothbrushes
- » Hair trimmers and shavers
- » Cordless hair straighteners
- » Power banks
- » Bluetooth speakers
- » E-readers
- » Vape pens and e-cigarettes
- » Hearing aids