

Swansea University Residential Services Policy: Fire Safety in Residence

Swansea University is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents by implementing robust fire safety measures across all accommodation sites.

1. Fire Safety Measures in Your Residence

The following fire safety systems are in place to protect you and all residents:

- All residences are equipped with fire monitoring systems that constantly monitor the environment.
- Kitchens are equipped with heat sensors and fire blankets.
- Smoke detectors are installed in all bedrooms and corridors.
- Each flat is provided with fire-fighting equipment, and protected fire evacuation routes are clearly marked.
- Residential Services has a dedicated Safety Committee, and every residence site has a designated staff member responsible for ensuring fire safety. For more information, please ask your Residence Manager.
- Our Residence Regulations contain essential fire safety guidelines, which you should review regularly.

2. Steps You Can Take to Ensure Your Safety

Please follow these fire safety measures to protect yourself and others:

- Always keep fire doors closed to prevent the spread of fire.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Ensure fire exits are clear to allow quick and safe evacuation.
- Immediately evacuate the building when you hear the fire alarm.
- Smoking is not permitted in any building, as Swansea University operates a Smoke-Free Policy.
- In the event of an evacuation, do not stop to collect personal belongings.

3. How to Avoid Setting Off False Alarms

To help prevent false alarms, please follow these guidelines:

- Avoid using hairspray near automatic fire detectors, as this can trigger them.
- Never wedge open fire doors, as this compromises safety.
- Do not leave cooking unattended, as many false alarms are caused by unattended cooking.
- Do not tamper with smoke or heat detectors. Tampering will be detected by the fire safety system, and this could trigger the alarm.

4. Fire Safety Information

For your safety, fire and safety signs are displayed throughout the property. You will find fire safety information sheets on the back of your study room door and in the kitchen area.

Additional fire safety rules include:

- Keep all communal areas and fire exits clear of personal belongings at all times.
- Regularly clean stove tops to prevent burnt grease, which poses a fire hazard.
- Candles, incense sticks, and oil burners are strictly prohibited in residences due to the high fire risk.
- Personal heaters, gas canisters, and other flammable materials are not allowed in residences.
- Personal cooking equipment (e.g., hot plates, grills, sandwich toasters, rice cookers) may only be used and stored in designated kitchen areas. Use of these items in bedrooms is prohibited.
- Deep fat fryers are not permitted in residences due to the significant fire risk they pose.

5. Further Resources

For more detailed fire safety information, please log into your Accommodation Induction via your Accommodation Account. This brief module will only take a few minutes and is essential for your safety.

You can also watch our Fire Safety Video online to see how quickly a fire can spread in a student bedroom.

Remember, fire safety regulations are in place to protect you and other residents from the risk of fire. It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with these safety measures to ensure the well-being of everyone in your residence. Please take the time to learn and follow these guidelines to stay safe.
