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Appliance Safety Guide

Applicable for student accommodation managed by York St John University. Some variation will apply depending on allocated student accommodation.

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Introduction

Congratulations on moving in to your student accommodation. This guide will provide information regarding safe usage of appliances in your accommodation.

Key contacts

If you seek assistance regarding your accommodation appliances, such as needing a replacement, please contact Repairs on:

E: repairs@yorks.ac.uk

T: 01904 876 666

In your email, please include the following:

- Your full name
- Student ID number
- Accommodation address
- Details surrounding issue

Kitchen

Fridge and Freezer

- The temperature of the fridge and freezer should stay set at 3 for optimal performance.
- To stay safe, it is advised for raw meats to be stored separately from other produce, ideally covered and on different shelves.
- Allow cooked food to cool before being stored.
- When storing frozen food always look at the storage guidelines on the packaging.
- Students are responsible for defrosting their freezers if needed. Campus Services recommend placing stored food in an appropriate container, and using hot water to defrost.
- To clean the fridge or freezer, clean with a cloth and cleaning fluid of choice, subject to product guidelines. Campus Services advises washing up liquid for an affordable and multi-use option. In the case of a power-cut, do not open the freezer as it is able to self-sufficiently power itself for 6-18 hours.



Kitchen

Electric cooker (oven and hob)



- Be careful when removing food from the hob or oven . Use oven gloves or tongs to avoid injury. Be careful of touching the hob or oven when it is on. Avoid leaning over the appliances, and never store anything on or near them to avoid injury.
- Always turn the power off at the socket before cleaning. After using the oven or hob, let it cool down, then wipe clean with a damp cloth or similar cleaning utensil.

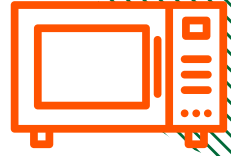
Garden Street

- Garden Street accommodation has induction hobs, meaning you will need ferrous metal cooking appliances to use them effectively.

Kitchen

Microwave

- All microwaves in accommodation will operate similarly, regardless of model. Keep the microwave on a flat and suitable area.
- Observe the microwave whilst in use to make sure that it is working properly, especially in regards to food containers.
- Do not put anything metal in the microwave, and follow cooking and packaging instructions depending on food item.
- To reheat or cook, put food in a suitable container and place in the microwave. Set the desired power level using the power control, and set the timer length. If you would like to stop the microwave, open the door, or press the stop button.



Kitchen



Food Safety

- Wash your hands before handling food and surrounding areas.
- Keep an eye on use by dates on food products.
- Dispose of old food in a timely manner. Use different cutting boards and utensils when handling poultry, meat and vegetables.
- Keep open food, such as jars, in the fridge after being opened.
- Be mindful of others in regards to diet, intolerances and allergies.
- Make sure food is cooked properly and safely, such as poultry and eggs being cooked all the way through.
- Store raw food away from cooked food.

Living Space

Vacuum Cleaner

- Do not use the vacuum cleaner outside, in wet conditions, or to clean ANY liquid.
- Store the vacuum cleaner away from heat to avoid melting. NEVER use the vacuum cleaner to clean hot substances.
- Campus Services will visit once a month to check the health of the vacuum cleaner. They will supply new hoover bags if needed.
- Turn off the plug in the socket before unplugging vacuum cleaner.



Bathroom

Shower

- All accommodation showers are run off the domestic hot water systems used by the university.
- Generally, all accommodation showers will have the same temperature and pressure. Heat can be modified for personal use through the red and blue indicators on one of the shower dials.
- Pressure can be modified through the use of the other dial.
- All accommodation showers undertake quarterly showerhead cleaning: in November, February, May and August.
- The shower is usually unavailable during this work for a maximum of 20 minutes. Students are given a notice the week before the cleaning is scheduled.



Bedroom

Radiator

- All radiators must not have clothes draped on them as they will overheat. This is a fire risk.
- The radiators are designed to keep the rooms at a comfortable temperature, not to dry clothes.
- The use of additional heaters not provided by York St John is prohibited



Types of radiators and location

Electric radiators

- St John Central

Wet radiator system

- Limes court

Perfect electric radiators

- 49 Clarence Street
- Robinson House
- Baldwin House
- Cruse House
- Lang House
- Grange House
- St Mary's
- City Residence:
 - Block A – bedrooms and kitchens
 - Block B – bedrooms and kitchens
 - Block E – kitchens only

Convecter radiator

- Garden Street (21 and 17-19)

Night storage heaters

- Muir House
- Boyle House
- Welch House
- City Residence:
 - Block C – bedrooms and kitchens
 - Block E – bedrooms
 - Block F – bedrooms and kitchens

Bedroom

How to use the radiators

Electric radiators

- Press the power button to turn on, and use the circular dial to control the temperature.



Wet radiator system

- To turn on, press the Boost CH button to bring on the heating for 30 minutes at 22 degrees.

Perfect electric radiators

Perfect heaters have 3 elements: a thermostat, a heater, and a PIR.

- Thermostat - sets the heating levels of the radiator.
- Heater - controlled by the thermostat, and maintains the temperature level set. The heater will only come on when the temperature is colder than the heating level.
- PIR - These sense movement in the room. If you are not inside, the thermostat will turn down. When you enter the room, press the UP button to turn the heating back on.

Convactor radiator

- Use the Bulldog radiator valve to control the temperature of the radiator.

Night storage heaters

- Designed to use built up energy during off-peak times, such as at night-time.
- Has a separate on and off switch found on the wall next to appliance. Operated through 2 controllers on right hand side of heater, the input and output buttons.
- Input – how much heat is stored. The input setting needs to be higher than the output setting.
- Output – controls frequency of stored heat which is released.



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