



Merseyside
**FIRE & RESCUE
SERVICE**



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welcome to



Your time as a student here are probably going to be the best days of your lives. This leaflet will make sure you enjoy them - SAFELY

Tragically, around 500 people die each year in fires in the United Kingdom, 10% of whom are people who become trapped by fire and smoke before they have time to escape. Your accommodation has been provided with the fire safety measures to safeguard you and prevent you from becoming one of

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Liverpool, with various buildings illuminated. A white grid pattern is overlaid on the entire image. The text 'merseyside' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and 'the world in one city' is in a white, cursive script font below it.

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the world in one city

these sad statistics.

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service receives over 1500 calls a year to student accommodation. The majority of these calls are false alarms. Such a high number of calls are unacceptable to the Fire & Rescue Service, who can be more effectively deployed to give immediate assistance to others who may be in life threatening situations.



intro

The majority of false alarms in the student accommodation result from a lack of student information and guidance related to the fire safety measures on campus property.

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service in partnership with your university student union and accommodation provider has produced this leaflet to help you with the safety measures provided in your halls.

Please take a few moments to familiarise yourself with the contents of this leaflet. Translations are available for overseas students

Tony McGuirk - Chief Fire Officer.

fire safety measures

➤ Time for you to escape

Automatic fire detectors are located in the key areas of the building. They are activated by heat and smoke, sound an alarm and automatically call the Fire & Rescue Service. Break glass call points are located near exit doors and use by persons discovering or suspecting a fire in the premises. They also activate the alarm and call the Fire & Rescue Service.

Fire resistant doors protect your escape route from smoke and fire when shut. Do not wedge them open.

➤ Fire Fighting Equipment

Fire extinguishers and fire blankets are provided in strategic locations to attack known small fires in their early stages only.

NOTE: It is extremely dangerous to open a door if you suspect a fire is behind it.



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Smoke Detectors are sensitive instruments. The following have been known to trigger the alarm if allowed to come into close proximity to detector heads.

- ▶ Fumes from cooking
- ▶ Steam from bathrooms
- ▶ Cosmetic smoke
- ▶ Smoking material
- ▶ Aerosol sprays
- ▶ Candles
- ▶ Incense



fire & smoke alarms

DO NOT smoke or use sprays directly beneath detector heads.

DO NOT tamper with detector heads they do not contain batteries.

Never wedge doors open.

Keep doors to bathrooms closed to avoid steam percolating into corridors and actuating the alarm.

The following are not permitted within individual rooms:

- ▶ Unauthorised heating
- ▶ Candles
- ▶ Cooking facilities
- ▶ Incense Sticks

These are prohibited under the terms of your accommodation agreement.

false alarms

It is an offense to make an emergency call to the Fire & Rescue Service without just cause whether by:

- ▶ Using the emergency 999 telephone system
- ▶ Activating an automatic fire detection device
- ▶ Operating a break-glass call point (break-glass call points can not be operated accidentally)
- ▶ Any other means that result in the summoning of the Fire & Rescue Service

Such actions may result in prosecution, punishable on conviction by imprisonment, fine or both.

In addition to any disciplinary action undertaken by the university or college authorities, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service will seek a prosecution of those identified as being responsible.

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Make fire awareness part of your way of life.

▶ **Smoke Detectors**

Make sure your new home has at least one smoke detector, your local fire station will fit one free and provide a free home fire safety check. Just call free on 0800 7315958

▶ **Fire Plan**

Establish your escape route in case of a fire.

▶ **Appliances**

Don't use faulty appliances - fix it or bin it. As well as being a fire hazard they may gas or electrocute you.



life after living on campus

▶ **Heating**

Keep portable heaters away from furniture and furnishings.

▶ **Cooking**

If you are cooking with oil or using a chip pan never cover the pan, and **NEVER LEAVE IT UNATTENDED**. If it does catch fire, turn off the heat, wet a towel and wring it out then carefully place it over the pan and call the Fire & Rescue Service (999) - Never use water.

▶ **Drinking**

Avoid cooking after a night out, you may doze off while waiting for your snack to heat up and never wake up.

▶ **Smoking**

If you or anyone you know smoke, use an ashtray. A smouldering cigarette dropped into a chair or bedding particularly after a drink or two will go unnoticed and can be fatal. Empty ashtray contents into a metal container outside.

careers & advice

If you have any questions about:

- ▶ **Having a Smoke Alarm fitted for FREE**
- ▶ **Getting a home safety check**
- ▶ **Fire Safety**

CALL FIRE SERVICE DIRECT FREE ON 0800 7315958

If you are interested and require information about:

- ▶ **A Career in Merseyside Fire & Rescue Services**

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