

# Electrical Safety Information for students

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This information has been put together to inform students and help mitigate the risk of fire within Newcastle University Owned Accommodation.

While staying in Newcastle University Owned Accommodation:

- only use 230v equipment with an appropriate and correctly designed plug or adaptor
- only use fused power boards, ensure the maximum load for any one socket should not exceed 13 amps
- do not allow flexes to trail across floors
- do not use cuboid adapters
- do not use faulty or damaged equipment
- do not leave appliances switched on when not in use
- do not leave laptops on beds/bedding as could overheat
  
- Students must take responsibility for their own safety and check regularly for the following danger signs:
  - a smell of hot plastic or burning near an appliance or socket
  - sparks or smoke coming from a plug or appliance
  - blackness or scorch marks around a socket or plug, or on an appliance
  - damaged or frayed leads
  - coloured wire inside leads showing at the plug or anywhere else
  - melted plastic on appliance casings or leads
  - fuses that blow or circuit-breakers that operate for no obvious reason

If you are unsure on how to safely use any of the equipment in the kitchen then please seek advice from your reception or consult our **Portable Appliance Testing Policy**.

## Overseas Students

Accommodation Services would like to remind you that in the UK the electrical supply is 230v (not 110v) and only electrical equipment built to run on a 230v electrical supply should be used. However, if you need to use 110v equipment then you must have an approved voltage plug/pin converter, and ensure that you ask for advice and assistance (from the shop/supplier) on the voltage/pin compatibility and specific voltage requirements you require.

Students who are using travel adapters must ensure that they are fused and meet BS 8546:2016 for travel adaptors compatible with UK plug and socket system. For further information and guidance contact the ResLife Team at [reslife@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:reslife@newcastle.ac.uk)

