



SAFE USE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Full Instruction Manuals for all electrical appliances supplied by Mansion Student are available either in your flat/studio or from your Hospitality Team.

MICROWAVE

- Don't place objects on top of the microwave or cover the ventilation slots.
- Don't place anything metallic in the microwave (containers, wire ties, foil or crockery with metal decoration.)
- Don't put flammable material into the microwave, removing packaging from ready meals in accordance with instructions.
- Monitor the oven whilst in use, particularly when using disposable containers.
- Be careful when removing food – it will be hot. Use oven gloves.
- Leave cooked foods to stand for 2 minutes, as cooking is still taking place when items are removed
- Take great care when thawing food, it may not thaw evenly and can result in some parts being cooked before the food is fully defrosted.
- Only use cling film suitable for use in the microwave.
- Make sure that the inside of the oven is cleaned frequently.

COMBINATION OVEN (WHERE APPLICABLE)

- Please remember to take out the metal grill stand when using the microwave function as this will damage the appliance.

OVEN

- Make sure there is nothing in the oven; an oven should never be used for storage.
- Position your oven racks before pre-heating to prevent scalding.
- Close the oven door immediately after removing or testing food.
- Use oven gloves when removing cooking equipment from the oven.
- Keep it clean; food particles and grease residue can ignite and cause a fire.

HOB

- Don't leave the hob unattended when in use.
- Don't lean over the hob when it is on and never store anything on top of it, or drape tea towels etc. over it.
- Take great care when heating fats and oils as they will ignite if they become too hot.
- Turn all pan handles inwards. They can be pulled and knocked over when they are turned out.
- Clean after use as this is the most common cause of fire alarm activation and fires.
- **IMPORTANT:** If your hob is an induction hob and you will need to ensure your cooking equipment is suitable for an induction hob. The hobs will not work with any other pans.

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COOKING EXTRACTOR HOOD / FAN (WHERE APPLICABLE)

- The extractor hood should always be used when cooking to help prevent smoke and steam from activating the fire alarm. The hood has a light and three speed settings, which can be selected by pressing the buttons on the front.
- The ceiling fan above the kitchen area provides fresh air into the flat and can also be used while cooking; use the boost switch to extract any fumes by pressing the fan boost button.

FRIDGE/FREEZER

- Leave space between foods in order that air may circulate.
- Always let pre-cooked food cool down before placing in the refrigerator or freezer.
- Cooked meats should always be stored on a shelf above raw meat to avoid bacterial transfer.
- Keep raw meats on a plate large enough to collect juices and cover it with cling film or foil.
- Eat food by its 'use by date especially soft cheeses, meat, fish and shellfish.
- Dispose of old food. Food can go off rapidly if left out in a warm environment for too long; don't get food poisoning!
- Keep the inside of the refrigerator clean; remember to wipe the door seals.
- Keep the defrost water channel at the back of the fridge clear.

DISHWASHER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

- Place sharp items, like knives, with points down in the utensil basket.
- Carefully place glassware to prevent breaking/chipping. Make sure they can't rattle against each other when the dishes and glasses are sprayed with the water, or when you slide the rack in or out.
- Avoid overloading. Crowding glasses and plates can cause them to chip or break (and they won't get clean either).
- Allow the machine to cool before reaching in to prevent burns from the steam.
- After loading or unloading the dishwasher, close the door, so others won't fall over it.
- Read the dishwashing detergent label and follow the directions.
- Please do not use washing up liquid in the dishwasher. Only use dishwasher tablets, these are available from many supermarkets and stores.

SAFETY INFORMATION - FOR SMALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:

- It is advisable to PAT test (Portable Appliance Testing) all personal electrical items that are over 1 year old.
- Don't immerse any part of the appliance in water, ensure connection switches & sockets are kept dry.
- Don't use electrical appliances or switches with wet hands.
- Always switch off and unplug the appliance when cleaning and allow to cool before handling.
- Don't operate the appliance if the cord is damaged as this could lead to an electric shock.
- Don't use mains powered portable appliances such as hair dryers or heaters in a bathroom.
- Avoid touching hot surfaces with your bare hands.
- Always switch off and unplug appliances when not in use.

TOASTER

- Don't place the toaster on a hob, metal surface or under overhanging wall units.
- Don't leave the toaster unattended when in use. Burnt toast is a common cause of activating the Fire Alarm.
- Empty the crumb tray regularly. Do this when the toaster has cooled down and unplugged from the socket. Don't use the toaster without replacing the crumb tray.
- Switch off and unplug the toaster before trying to remove toast, crumpets etc. that may be stuck.
- Don't use put your fingers or metal objects down the slots of the toaster.

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KETTLE

- Position the kettle safely on a stable surface away from heat and wet conditions.
- Always switch off and unplug the kettle when filling with water.
- Don't overfill as this may cause spitting when the kettle is boiling. Only fill between the Min and Max mark.
- Do not open the lid when pouring as escaping steam can scald you.

ELECTRIC IRON

- Always use an ironing board. Don't iron clothing on the floor or bed as there is no safe place to rest the iron.
- Always switch off and unplug the iron when filling with water.
- Don't attempt to use an iron for any purpose other than for ironing clothes.

RICE COOKERS

- Rice Cookers should NOT be kept on the floor as they can cause fires, invite pests into the house and make a mess; any damages resulting would be chargeable. Always keep them on the kitchen worktops.
- Keep your hands and face away when you remove the lid to avoid steam burns.
- Don't fill it's inner bowl above its top/maximum water line to avoid overflowing when the water boils.

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