

Fire safety

Fire safety in a building as old as 47-49 Derngate must be taken extremely seriously. A fire would pose a threat to the lives and possessions of everyone residents. For this reason we take a very strict approach to fire safety.

To stay safe:

- **No smoking or vaping anywhere in the building**, including bedrooms & bathrooms. The smoking area is in the garden area.
- **No naked flames such as candles or incense sticks**, these are banned. If staff see these items they will be removed and disposed of.
- **Smoke detectors must not be covered or tampered with**, this would mean they couldn't alert us to a fire.
- **Deep fat fryers are not allowed** in any stage of accommodation.

We do fire checks on all rooms in the building. Breaking any of these rules is a serious incident and **may lead to eviction**.

Avoid false alarms

For your safety smoke and heat detectors are located throughout the building. They are sensitive and can be set off by smoke from toasters and steam from cooking or showering. A false alarm is an inconvenience to everyone who lives here. To reduce the likelihood of setting off the alarm by mistake please:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Be careful around the cooker – don't put tea towels or bags on or near the hob.
- Keep your bathroom door shut when you shower.

When the alarm sounds

When the fire alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building via the stairs (not the lift) and exit through the courtyard. Our fire assembly point is at the parking meter point across the road from the front of the building.

We will tell you when we plan to test the fire alarm, at these times you won't need to leave the building. If you haven't heard from us, please leave.

Trip hazards

Anything left outside rooms could be a trip hazard for people trying to leave a corridor that was filled with smoke. To keep the building safe we will remove and dispose of anything that we find in the corridors. This includes doormats and shoes.

