A guide to living in hall
# The Residences Guide

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Welcome

Welcome to the University of Manchester’s Halls of Residences. We hope you will find our Halls an excellent place in which to live. Approximately 8,000 students live in our halls which are located into three areas - City, Victoria Park and Fallowfield.

Wherever you are, you will be in easy reach of local shops, bars and restaurants as well as the University, the city and the airport - the University campus is on the busiest bus route in Europe so you can get out and about easily too.

This Residences Guide aims to provide you with a few guidelines to living in halls of residence at The University of Manchester

Each Hall has its own unique characteristics and has a Residents Association (RA) or Junior Common Room (JCR) which will be the focus of your activities for most things. Given an enthusiastic student body, we can have plays, concerts, inter-hall debates, quiz nights and so on as well as a range of sports teams and a good social life for all to enjoy – no matter what your interests. We need your help and you have a say in what happens by getting involved in your RA or JCR committee. Watch out for information in regards to the elections - please consider standing.

You will come across a number of people whose role it is to make sure life runs smoothly so that you can make a positive commitment to your studies as well as making the most of the wider student experience. Our Residential Life team (ResLife) the management teams and staff who are responsible for delivering the administration, domestic, porter and catering services; the Estates staff who maintain the buildings and the grounds; and the Security patrols who look after your safety and monitor the CCTV cameras around the campuses.

Please feel free to ask their advice because they are here for your benefit. All we ask is that you are polite to them and respectful of each other.

I hope you enjoy your time in Halls at the University of Manchester.

The Residences team
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### General Information

**Hall Residential Life teams:** All residents are supported by a Residential Life team (ResLife) led by Senior Residential Life Coordinators (SRLCs) who are supported by on-site Residential Life Coordinators (RLCs) and Residential Life Advisors (RLAs).

If you wish to speak directly to a RLC you can contact her/him via your RLA.

RLAs hold Voluntary positions in the halls and their primary responsibility is for the welfare, discipline and events for the residents in their houses and flats.

Manchester Residential Life (ResLife) is committed to enhancing the student residential experience through the provision of support and guidance with the delivery of a unique programme of activities to support your residential experience. RLAs will support the delivery of activities and work on a duty rota to ensure support to all residents. Each flat or corridor is assigned to a particular RLA who will regularly visit residents to provide information, discuss current issues and support the general welfare of the community. Non-urgent issues should be discussed with your RLA, who will usually be best suited to provide the necessary information. They will also forward issues to the RLC if this is required. You can speak to your RLA either during their regular visits.

As a final note: Please remember we can only deal with incidents that we know about! If an issue arises, please do not wait until a situation has become unbearable – please see your RLA early.

Our contact details are here: [http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/reslife/info/contacts/](http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/reslife/info/contacts/)

**Payment of Licence Fees:** Details on how to pay, how much to pay and when to pay are posted on our website. [http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/essential-information/getting-ready/payment-plans/](http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/essential-information/getting-ready/payment-plans/)

**Leaving, transferring and re-applying:** The procedures and associated forms related to this are available via our website: here [http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/essential-information/youvearrived/](http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/essential-information/youvearrived/) and [http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/applynow/](http://www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/applynow/)
Medical registration: You should register with a local General Practitioner (GP) whilst you are in Manchester, You may be able to register with a doctor at the start of session. If you are a UK resident please bring your medical card or NHS number. Medical registration forms will be available at the start of session and can be found on the accommodation office website, with details of all doctors in the area. Staff in residences will also be able to tell you where the nearest medical practice is.

Accidents and emergencies: Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road (Vehicle entrance is on Grafton Street): Tel 0161 276 1234

Procedures for calling an ambulance: In an emergency situation, an ambulance or paramedic should be contacted by dialling 999 (You will need to add an additional 9 if you are dialling from an internal University of Manchester phone). You must give precise information about the location of where the ambulance or paramedic needs to go and this must be given to ambulance control. You will also need to describe the condition of the person requiring medical assistance.

Security must also be contacted on 0161 306 9966. Inform them that an ambulance has been called, telephoning Security will ensure that an ambulance reaches you as soon as possible. They can also provide support in managing the situation and with the provision of First Aid as required. Please stay at the address you have given. If you live in Denmark Road, Brook Hall or Weston Hall (halls in which rooms are leased by the University) please consult your hall arrival information as arrangements will differ.
Management Information & Domestic Arrangements

Access to flats and rooms: Our residents have a right enshrined in law to have quiet enjoyment of their rooms. We try whenever possible in non-emergency situations to not enter student rooms unless we have a specific job to be achieved and when we have provided as much notice as possible through effective electronic and written communication. The accommodation contract allows for Residential Services staff or our agents to enter student rooms but only when there is a valid reason to do so.

The following is a typical though not exhaustive list of situations where Residential Services staff or our agents would need to gain access to a room:

- Termly room audits to review cleanliness/maintenance requirements
- Maintenance requests as logged by the resident
- In emergency situations

Animals: Animals are not permitted in Residence other than Assistance Dogs when pre-arranged with the Accommodation Office.

Ball games, frisbees, etc: Ball games, the use of Frisbees and similar activities are not permitted on our residential campus due to the potential for damage and injuries as well as disturbance to other residents.

Barbecues: Because of the danger of fire, the risk of activating nearby fire alarms and the possibility of excessive noise, disturbance to others and an excessive amount of litter, barbeques may only take place if organized with the prior written permission of the RLC. Security reserves the right to close down any unauthorized, unruly or hazardous event.

Bedding: Bedding and bed linen is not provided by the University. A mattress cover however is provided and this will be fitted to the mattress in your room.

What to bring: You will need to bring your own pans, crockery, cutlery, towels, coat hangers and bedding
Cars, motorcycles and bikes: You are advised not to bring cars or motor bikes to Manchester – limited parking is available (at a charge) at just a few halls. There is very limited available parking around the academic campus. The public transport system is reliable, well used and very often the best way to get around. Motorcycles must not be parked around buildings within hall grounds, nor should they be ridden through the grounds.

Cycles should be stored in the cycle sheds provided. Please note that our abandoned bikes policy reads:

- Cycle shelters are for use during periods of Residency at a University hall and should not be used for long-term storage or by non-residents.
- Any bike left in a shelter during the months of June- September must be tagged with your UID number written on the bike. Bikes left untagged during summer vacation will be removed and donated to charity.
- Residents can collect bike tags from reception from April onwards if they are living in halls over the summer.
- The University does not accept liability for any loss or damage to bikes removed under the terms of the Abandoned Bikes Policy.
- The University does accept any liability for loss, theft or damage.

For reasons of fire safety they must not be taken into buildings, left in hallways, corridors, or left in external non-designated areas. Cycles found in inappropriate areas will be removed immediately. You should ensure that you have the means to secure your cycle against theft as cycle sheds do not provide a secure means of storage. Please log details of your cycle on the immobilise website at http://www.immobilise.com

Please note that hall grounds are pedestrian precincts and it is prohibited to use vehicles of any kind unless approved by Residential Services.

You are advised that all vehicles, motorcycles and cycles are parked at their owners' risk and the University does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to them on its premises.
It is your responsibility to ensure there are no hazards or dangers to our staff or other visitors to your room or communal area. If your accommodation is in an unacceptable condition the cleaners will report this to management and an inspection will follow. Our team are here to support you but please help us by removing your waste and recycling on a regular basis. This will make your flat a better place to live and should keep any issues you have to a minimum.

The attachment of decorations and posters can cause damage to paintwork. Where such damage is caused, you will be required to meet the costs of rectification. Decorative materials must not be attached to the ceiling or wrapped around ceiling fittings, nor must such fittings be changed or tampered with. Nails, screws or drawing pins must not be inserted into the woodwork or brickwork.

**Cooking in your study room:**
The use of any cooking implement, device or product (including self-heating foodstuffs) in your study room is prohibited.

**Durian Fruit:**
The Durian fruit is prohibited in our halls of residence. If such fruit is found you will be asked to immediately dispose of it off-site. Failure to comply with this request will mean we will dispose of it.

**Furniture and equipment:**
You will be required to complete an inventory within 24 hours of your arrival. You are responsible for checking the inventory against the contents of your accommodation. If you think there is something wrong or missing this should be recorded on your inventory. When leaving your accommodation your inventory will be checked and charges will apply should there be any damage not already stated on the inventory, consideration will be taken for wear and tear. If you don’t return the form we will assume everything is in order.

Should you find anything broken in your room please report it using the Building Maintenance System (BM) – if you don’t know how to do this please ask hall staff to show you Please do not remove University items from the accommodation.

- **For residents in Brook Hall:** Please report the issue to reception in the hall.
- **For residents in Denmark Road:** Please report the issue to reception in the hall or write to Denmarkroad@sanctuary-students.com.
- **For residents in Weston Hall:** Weston Hall of Residence runs an online Fault Reporting System for Building Maintenance Issues which relate to your room, your kitchen/common area or Housekeeping.
- **Wilmslow Park** – students report maintenance through the IQ App
- **Rusholme Place** – Students can call 07715900827, Email manchester@clvuk.com or report to reception. There is also a residents portal which they will need to sign up to
Furniture and equipment (continued):
It is important to note that due to the lack of storage space in halls we will not accept requests to remove the furniture provided. Therefore do not bring your own furniture, soft furnishings or equipment such as fridges, microwaves and similar personal cooking items to the residence.

Portable Heating Equipment: The heating provided in University residences will generally be switched on between the months of October and May. This is to ensure that the University avoids energy wastage and also to keep to a minimum, rising energy costs, which are included within your accommodation charges.

For cost and Health & Safety reasons, you are not permitted to bring your own heaters into residences and if you are experiencing problems with your bedroom heating this should be reported using BM. Terminals are located around the campus, follow the on screen instructions. Alternatively, you may report faults by clicking here.

In circumstances where the University's Estates Department confirm that additional portable heating equipment is necessary these will be issued to you by the Domestic Services Team. This is necessary to ensure that the appropriate safety of the equipment provided. Where electric heaters are used they must be switched off when the room is unoccupied and must not be covered or used for any form of drying.

Fridges and freezers: It is important that de-frosting of freezers where applicable is carried out on a regular basis. Advice on de-frosting refrigerators and freezers is available from Domestic Services. The University accepts no liability for damage or loss to the contents of refrigerators and freezers. It is the residents’ responsibility to remove out of date items and clean up any spillages within these appliances. At the end of each semester the Domestic staff will clear out the appliances and dispose of out of date items. Prior warning of this process will be given, and your cooperation is appreciated. DO NOT bring your own fridge or similar equipment.
HORNET internet in halls: The University of Manchester provides internet connectivity to many of the student study rooms in University halls of residence through the Hornet service. Connected rooms are fitted with a network socket that provides a high speed connection and all rooms are covered by the University wifi network. In a privately leased hall the service provider may not be the University of Manchester.

The Hornet service is provided free of charge in the University of Manchester halls of residence. It forms part of the range of services that the University accommodation offers. There are no restrictions to the amount of data that users can send or receive over the network. The University of Manchester does however police the network for users whose computers are displaying erratic behaviour and/or making excessive use of the resources. Please note that you cannot use peer to peer file-sharing applications. Some types of software for watching videos are also banned.

Hornet requires all users to secure their computers with passwords, anti-virus, Firewall and keep them updated. There is more information and resources regarding computer security available on the Hornet website www.manchester.ac.uk/hornet

Instruction manuals: Make a note of the model of the appliance in your kitchen or flat that you would like to know more about and then scroll down the page located here to find the appropriate instruction manual. Please note the instructions are posted only to assist you in using the appliances. If you are still unsure of how to use the appliance then please ask for assistance. Attempts to repair them are strictly forbidden. Faulty appliances should be reported on BM so they can be assessed and repaired or replaced.

If your appliance is not listed then please email the Accommodation Office manager with the relevant details - accommodation@manchester.ac.uk.

If you live in a privately leased hall (Denmark Road, Brook Hall, Weston Hall) then you will find the instruction manuals at your hall reception or in your Welcome Pack.
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**Keys:** All residents are provided with a key (and swipe card/fob where applicable) to their own rooms and flats. Keys and swipe cards must remain in the possession of the person they have been allocated to and must not be given or lent to others under any circumstances. If you lose your key or card you may obtain replacements from your hall administration office but you will be charged for this. There are no exceptions including if the loss was due to theft.

This charge may include the cost of a lock change (this could include for the block door, flat door and your bedroom – dependant on what is lost), replacement keys, parts, labour and VAT if applicable. Please note this can add up to significantly more than you might expect if you lost your front door key at home.

**Laundry facilities:** Launderettes are found on all sites providing a competitive and convenient service. These are run by an external company and faults should be reported directly to the company. Details of how to use the laundrettes and how to report faults can be found in the laundrettes. You can also speak with the local housekeeping team or reception if you are experiencing any problems. Please note we cannot offer refunds for any money lost, you must take this issue up directly with the laundry provider.

**Lost Property:** Your hall administration office will act as a lost property office. Articles that have been found are logged. All lost items may be collected from there. Items cannot be collected without proof of identification and or ownership. Property not claimed within 30 days will be disposed of.

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Post/Mail: Lockable mailboxes are provided (in some areas you will be required to provide a padlock for your post box). Your mail will be delivered to the appropriate mailbox. Registered mail and parcels must be collected from your hall administration office – you will be e-mailed to notify you when there is something to collect. Proof of identity will be required. You are strongly advised to have any valuable items sent to you by registered post, and to collect credit/debit cards from your bank rather than have them sent to your mailbox. Unfortunately the following items cannot be signed for and stored by Administration Staff

- Items which are larger than 300mm depth x 300mm height x 400mm width
- Items over £150 in value
- Parcels more than 11kg in weight
- Parcels containing perishable food items

Residents expecting a delivery which does not meet the criteria should provide the delivery company with a contact/mobile number so that they can contact you on arrival at the Hall

During the Christmas and Easter vacations, any mail that arrives for you will be placed in your mailbox. If you are expecting mail that you need to see urgently, you must arrange with the sender to address it to your vacation address. Students leaving residence should note that mail will not be re-directed. Responsibility lies with the residents to notify correspondents of their change of address

Amazon Lockers
To assist with deliveries at the University there are a number of Amazon Lockers available for residents to use when making an order. Amazon lockers are self-service kiosks where you can receive or return your Amazon.co.uk parcels. You can select a locker location and collect or drop off your parcel at a time that’s convenient to you. You need to add the locker to your Amazon address book, the names of the lockers are listed below:

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Please note that you must be a resident at the Locker location to use this service. Some of the lockers are located inside areas where a key is required for access.

1. Type www.amazon.co.uk/add****** into a browser. Replace ****** with the name of the locker for the delivery. Don’t use spaces.
2. The browser will redirect to Amazon.
3. Once signed-in Amazon will automatically add the address to your account.

Then simply select “Dispatch / Return to this address” during checkout/returns process and complete your transaction as usual. All items must be eligible for a delivery to a locker.

Once a parcel is delivered to the Amazon Locker, you’ll receive an email notification with a unique pick up code. To pick up the parcel, enter the pickup code or scan the barcode using the barcode scanner and follow the instructions on the screen. All parcels delivered to locker locations must be picked up within 3 business days, after this time the parcel will be returned for a full refund.

Post Locker Boxes

Post locker boxes are located at Fallowfield Owens Park Great Court) & Whitworth park (Shop entrance). Your mail (parcels) will be delivered to the lockers by the courier. You will receive and email with a pin or code to open the box to retrieve your parcel. These lockers are accessible 24 hours a day and at weekends.
Repairs & maintenance: All repairs and maintenance should be reported using the Building Maintenance System. (Residents in Leased Halls, Denmark Road, Brook Hall, Weston Hall should consult their hall reception for details on how to report such issues).

Report ALL FAULTS including buildings, housekeeping, pest infestation on Building Maintenance. Please note that jobs entered on this system will not be addressed on weekends, bank holidays or University closed days. During this period a call out system is in operation and emergencies should be reported to the ResLife Team.

By reporting a problem and requesting that it be fixed you give consent to University of Manchester staff or its agents entering your room to fix the problem.

It is your responsibility to ensure your room is kept in such a manner that it is safe for our staff or agents to enter should they need to do so to affect a repair or deal with an emergency situation. Trip hazards should be avoided. It is also your responsibility to report issues or faults such as broken chairs, pest control issues, etc.

You must not attempt any repairs yourself.

As a resident, you have a right to expect that repairs are carried out as quickly as necessary. Requests to repair a defect will normally be responded to within the times outlined below by our Estates Colleagues or a University approved contractor, who will make an initial assessment and aim to resolve the issue at that time. The assessment will commence from the time you have input the request using the online reporting system (weekends excluded – report emergencies to the Duty ResLife Adviser). If further investigation is required or parts sought we will keep you informed. The response times vary depending on the nature of the repair.
EMERGENCY: These would normally be carried out within 4 hours and are incidents or defects which require an immediate response, possibly endangering the health and safety of people, causing major damage to buildings or affecting building security.

Examples:
- Gas leaks
- Loss of electrical supply to a building
- Loss of heating to a building
- Major water leaks
- Fire or imminent risk of fire or explosion
- Collapse of a structure
- Loss of all lift facilities
- Fire alarm system failure

URGENT: We would normally expect to carry out 80% of all work in this category within one working day, and 100% within two. This is work which does not present an immediate threat to the health and safety of people but which requires a swift response to prevent deterioration in services or increased damage.

Examples:
- Blocked drains
- Broken window (will initially be made safe)
- Malfunctioning locks
- Loss of heating, hot water or lighting in a room
- Overflow running
- Running taps (not dripping)
- Floor covering (trip hazard)
- Emergency exits compromised
- Room security
- Stair lights out

NON-URGENT: We would normally expect to carry out 70% of all work in this category within 5 working days and 100% of the work in 10 working days. This is work, which if not attended to, could result in a reduction in the quality of the service provided.

Examples:
- Loss of electrical power at a single socket outlet
- One light out (of many) in a room
- One radiator not working
- Adjustment to door closures
- Dripping taps
- Window adjustment
- Plaster repairs
**Snow & Ice clearing policy:** We aim to keep the footpaths and roads around the residences as free as possible from hazards and between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday areas will be gritted as far as is practically possible, however we advise residents to remain vigilant at all times especially during periods of snow and ice.

**Be active, play sport and be a sport volunteer:** By living in University accommodation you have a fantastic opportunity to make the most of Manchester halls life by being active and getting involved in sport and physical activity. This enables you to meet new people, try new things, have fun, keep fit and be healthy. Many of the residences have a committee who lead the sport activities and events for you, they will also link to the University of Manchester Sport department to enable you to have the best experience possible whilst living on campus.

**Take Part in Sport**
Our recreational sport offer is entitled Sporticipate, and is the entry level programme for all students and staff at The University of Manchester.
All sessions, programmes and events are open to all abilities, specifically people who are new to the activity or complete beginners. All sessions provide equipment and the sessions are facilitated by the UoM Sport Workforce. Sporticipate runs a full weekly drop in timetable, structured blocks of ‘Learn To’ coached sessions and regular large scale events. All are either free or at very low cost, which helps you stay fit and active during your time on campus.

**Sport Leagues**
Sport Leagues are a great way to play the sport you love in a friendly social environment. There are longstanding teams and sports that have a great tradition in the leagues which you can be part of. However, there is always space for new teams and new sports! There are currently 8 sport leagues covering a wide range of sports. Please visit our website to find out more.

**Sports Clubs**
The University of Manchester offers 42 student-run sports clubs all of which are part of our “Athletic Union” or “AU” as it is commonly referred to. The Athletic Union is a collective name given to the highest achieving and most committed clubs who receive funding from the University to help improve participation and performance. The majority of our clubs compete in BUCS, The Christie Championships and several other local and national competitions. An A-z of clubs can be found on our website in our sports clubs section.

**Sports Facilities / Gyms**
There are lots of other opportunities where you can meet students and staff from all across the University, these include: joining a gym attending fitness classes, hiring a pitch or court at one of the major sport facilities, the main sites include: Armitage Sport Centre, (the ideal sport site for those based in Fallowfield), Manchester Aquatic Centre and Sugden Sport Centre (both conveniently located close to City area).
RESFIT is our University halls of residence gym offer which is an all-inclusive gym & class membership at the Armitage Sports Centre (on the Fallowfield campus) for **just £70** in your first year (**That’s under £2.50 per week**!). The membership can be purchased directly at the Armitage Sports Centre by showing proof of residence and your University ID card.

Whatever your interest, our sport offers and programmes provides something for everyone.
To find out more about getting involved with UoM Sport or to see which sport facility is close to your new home visit: [www.manchester.ac.uk/sport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport)
Come and talk to us at the UoM Sport Office located on the first floor of the Students Union Building on Oxford Road.
### Health & Safety

**Student events**: Students organising parties/events within their residence must adhere to the guidance provided in the student event pack available from the General Manager for ResLife.

**TELEVISIONS AND RADIO**: If you watch broadcast Television in your room in hall, either using a computer or a TV, then you need a Television Licence. You will not be covered by your home television licence whilst in hall. For further information refer to: [http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk)

**Health & Safety policy statement**

It is the policy of Residential & Sports Service to do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure a safe and healthy working environment for staff, students, and any other person on the premises. The Director of Residential & Sports Service is responsible for all health and safety matters within the Residences. The Director has appointed an appropriate number of safety advisors who act with her full authority to ensure the health and safety of staff, students and visitors, so far as is reasonably practicable. The full H&S policy statement can be found online here: [http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=42070](http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=42070)

**Electricity**

The University accepts no responsibility for itself, its employees or others for any injury or loss of property which results from the use of residents' faulty appliances, or from residents' misuse of electrical installations and wiring, including trailing cables.

Residents must not alter or tamper with any electrical appliances supplied by the University. The University reserves the right to test and remove student-owned electrical equipment if suspected of being faulty or dangerous.

Each resident should ensure that the appliances that they bring with them or purchase during their stay are in good condition and fitted with the correct fuse. If you are using electrical goods purchased outside the UK you MUST ensure they are suitable for use in the UK taking into account the voltage and fuses required. Electrical appliances should ideally be fitted with standard 3 pin plug tops to BS 1363 and fitted with an appropriately rated fuse. The use of 2 pin plugs is not recommended; however, 2 pin to 3 pin adapters are readily available from reputable electrical suppliers. Click here for general advice from the Electrical Safety Council. Failure to do so may compromise your safety, the safety of others and also compromise your insurance cover.

Should you have any problems with the electrical supply, or questions about the appropriate voltage please contact your hall administration office immediately.

Halogen lamps are not permitted due to the increased fire risk they represent.
Emergency exits
Doorways, corridors and entrances must be kept free from obstruction at all times. The propping open of fire doors is strictly forbidden. Combustible materials, such as overflowing waste bags and cardboard boxes must not be placed or stored within the accommodation.

Fire: You should familiarize yourself with Fire Exit Routes and the location of Fire Alarms. If you discover a fire, however small, you sound the alarm, evacuate the building closing doors behind you and then report the details to the hall admin. Please Note: It is forbidden to have naked flames of any sort in your room or to use halogen lamps; in the past they have caused serious fires. Please note that the smoke detectors are very sensitive to cigarette smoke; if the smoke detectors are set off in this way or tampered with, the resident will be liable for any charges or disciplinary measures brought about by this action.

Fire evacuation practice: Fire evacuation practices are held at the start of each academic year to familiarise you with procedures. You are reminded that the normal fire evacuation procedures for your particular Hall must be put into practice. Failure to co-operate will be regarded as a disciplinary matter.

SECURITY
Possessions: Our Accommodation are some of the most secure environments in which you could live as a student, however break-ins and thefts occur from time to time. You can help reduce these incidents by making sure that your door is locked and your window securely closed when you are not in your room. We advise you not to leave laptops, cameras and other valuables visible. It is recommended that you mark all your property with your home post code using a UV pen. Make sure that you are adequately insured. You may also register computers and electrical goods on the internet with Immobilise.

Personal security: Personal security is also very important. Although attacks on students are rare please be especially vigilant when walking after dark. Stay on the main roads and use designated routes. Take common sense precautions such as not using your mobile phone on the street and inform your friends of your whereabouts. Do not walk home alone late at night. Instead use the bus service or a registered taxi rather than walking.

Window safety: Whenever you leave your room for any length of time, please ensure that you close your windows. In gale force winds, windows on higher floors may be blown away if left open; on ground floors any open window is an invitation to thieves.

The throwing of objects from windows is dangerous and offenders will be dealt with severely. Due to the extreme risk to people using the walkways, the occupant of any room identified as the source of items thrown will face a financial penalty and may be required to leave University Accommodation. Similarly, you are not permitted to hang bags of food or other items from windows. Under no circumstances must you tamper with window restrictors, locks or catches. The information contained in this guide is correct at the time of going to press. The University of Manchester policy however is one of continuous improvement and we reserve the right to modify any details.
**How to make a complaint**

If you want to report a building maintenance issue then please do not use the official complaints form but instead use our online building maintenance system.

The University of Manchester is responsive to the needs of our students and visitors and welcomes comments and complaints as a means of improving services. We won't necessarily be able to change the things in the way that you would like or always meet your needs but we will always be able to give you an explanation of how a decision has been made.

The University of Manchester will always be professional and courteous in dealing with complaints and we will try to be as quick as we can in responding to you.

[Click here for more information and the link to our online complaints form.](#)

**Advice and Guidance**

You may seek advice in preparing any complaint from your hall Residential Life Team (if appropriate) or the University of Manchester Student Union Advice Service.

**Note**

The Residences complaints procedure follows and applies the overarching University of Manchester Regulation XVIII ‘Student Complaints Procedure. It is recommended that you consult Regulation XVIII alongside this procedure. However, please note, in Residential Services we have adopted a two-stage formal process in order to assure the efficient handling and resolution of complaints.
Appendix – 3rd party enquiries

The University of Manchester’s Policy on dealing with enquiries from ‘third parties’ about our students – including those in residence. The University receives many enquiries about students and we take great care when assessing what information can and can't be divulged and discussed. You may not think of yourself as a third party when you are contacting us with a concern about your son, daughter, relative or friend, but, as adults, all of our students are entitled to be confident that their personal information is properly handled in accordance with EU General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018.

What we can't do: Unless we have the person's specific consent to do so, we are unlikely to enter into a discussion about an individual student's:
- Well-being
- Whereabouts
- Academic progress or results
- Nor will we provide their address, telephone number or any other contact information.

What we can do: We may take your contact details so that we can make enquiries and return your call.

We will be happy to provide general information about the University's services or facilities and our systems for providing support to our students.

If the person you are enquiring about is studying with us, we may pass on a message on your behalf, or we may ask them to contact you. We won't necessarily confirm to you whether or not they are studying with us.

Where an enquiry about a student causes us concern we will pursue it until we are satisfied as to the well-being of the individual student. In circumstances where we have determined that there is reason to be concerned about a student, we may then discuss that person's situation with third parties. Where our enquiries have established that there is no need for concern, we may tell you, but we will not give details.

Staff are trained to be helpful but cautious, and to make the best interests of the student their priority.

Please note that in the event of a life threatening situation we will share relevant information with the Police.