

Electrical safety

Electrical appliances which are brought into the Hall by students must be electrically safe and of sound design. They should carry an ASTA/BEAB kite mark or an equivalent European safety conformity marking. Their use will be at your own risk. Appliances, cables and plugs that are damaged **MUST NOT BE USED**. Please ask for advice if you are at all unsure.

University-owned electrical appliances and equipment

These are tested regularly and labelled as safe. You must not tamper with them in any way and must report any damaged or faulty appliances to your Hall Reception or Security immediately.

Personal electrical appliances and equipment with plugs

Appliances and equipment brought onto the University premises should show no signs of cracks or overheating. Wires inside should be connected correctly and be screwed down tightly and the right size fuse should be in place. The cable between the plugs and appliances should be free of damage and the coloured wires inside should not be visible.

If you arrive without the appropriate plugs fitted to your appliances, they may be purchased from nearby shops. All plugs must be fitted by a competent person who has experience of this and Portable Appliance Testing (PAT).

Prior to any personal electrical appliances and equipment being brought and used by students in the Hall of Residence, bedrooms and other areas of the University, arrangements should be made for the appliances to be PAT safety tested and labelled in accordance with the IEE Code of Practice. Students will need to make arrangements with a qualified electrician who can offer PAT safety testing services for their personal appliances.

International appliances

The electrical supply voltage or “mains” is supplied in the United Kingdom at 230 Volts.

Connection to the mains is via the traditional BS1363 13 amp 3 pin plug.

Some countries including America, France and Japan have voltage supplies in the range of 110-120 volts and utilise 2 pin plugs. Electrical appliances and equipment intended to be brought from these regions cannot be used in the UK. However many EEC countries do have voltage supplies similar to the UK. Please check suitability of ALL your personal appliances.

The University reserves the right to enter any room at any time to investigate or repair an electrical fault and to remove and/or confiscate electrical goods if it is believed to constitute a fire or other health and safety hazard.