

Important Fire Safety Information

Fire emergency procedures are posted on the back of the main door in every apartment. Please read these carefully and note the location of the fire extinguishers and emergency exits. There are at least two fire drills during the year and your participation is compulsory. Failure to evacuate the building when the fire alarm is ringing will result in disciplinary action.

General Fire Safety

- Never tamper with the firefighting equipment (e.g. the fire extinguisher, fire blanket, etc.) or the alarm system (smoke detectors, the Red or Yellow fire buttons).
- Do not tamper with, or prop open, the doors within the Accommodation Blocks. These are fire doors.
- Special instructions for escape in the event of fire are posted on the back of each apartment door.
- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the Halls of residences.
- Fire alarm, heat sensors and smoke detection systems are installed throughout residences. These systems are tested on a quarterly basis and access is required to all rooms fitted with detectors. Testing periods will be advised in advance on the notice boards in each house.
- Residents must participate in fire drills irrespective of false alarms.
- Treat all fire alarms as an emergency.
- If you hear the fire alarm, exit the building as quickly as possible without running or panicking.
- In the event of a fire DO NOT use the lifts/elevators.
- Fire extinguishers are on hand on each of the corridors and in each kitchen.
- Each kitchen also has a fire blanket.
- Every apartment has fire safety instructions in the kitchen and hallway with directions to the fire assembly point.
- **GHR operate a zero tolerance approach to those that tamper with emergency systems or equipment – you have been warned.**



Red & Yellow Fire Buttons



Smoke Detector



Fire Equipment

Action in the event of a Fire

ON DISCOVERING A FIRE

RAISE the alarm by breaking the glass in the nearest alarm switch (red box on wall).

LEAVE the building and go to the Assembly Point.

INFORM the Security or Fire Wardens as fully as you can about the fire.

DO NOT fight the fire unless you are trained or your only escape is blocked by fire.

ON HEARING THE ALARM

CLOSE but do not lock all doors and windows.

WALK to the nearest exit. **DO NOT RUN.**

GO to your Assembly Point and **wait** there for further instructions.

DO NOT ENTER A BUILDING WHILE THE FIRE ALARM IS SOUNDING.

DO NOT USE THE LIFT.

Fire Escape, Warning and Safety Equipment

Please report immediately any interference with, or damage or deficiency in the fire and safety equipment located in your apartment. You owe it to yourself and your fellow residents to avoid the possibility of starting a fire or compromising safety by play acting (or condoning such action) with means of fire fighting, fire warning or fire escape equipment.

Fire Services Act 1981

It shall be the duty of every person, being on the premises to which this section applies, to conduct him/herself in such a way as to ensure that as far as is reasonably practicable any person on the premises is not exposed to danger from fire as a consequence of any act or omission of his/her.

Penalties

A person guilty of an offence under this act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €634 or, at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

The Management of Griffith Halls of Residence has resolved that tampering with or misuse of fire equipment or means of escape, is a most serious offence against the campus community.

Residents that have tampered with the safety equipment shall face eviction.

Residents are fully responsible for the actions of their guests.

Health & Safety

Do NOT interfere with the ESB supply board.

Do NOT over load sockets in your apartment.

Do NOT place towels or clothes on electrical heaters.

Do NOT use candles in your apartment.

Do NOT use a chip pan/ deep fat fryer in your apartment.