

## Fire Safety Statement

The safety and security of all our students, staff, and visitors is paramount to us at Keele.

The basis of the University's safety plans is the protection of life. Following the recent tragedy at the Grenfell Tower Block a review of fire safety has taken place. We do not have tower block accommodation and have established that our accommodation has no aluminium cladding within its structure.

The main emphasis of fire protection is to prevent fire and smoke spread by the compartmentation of our buildings which effectively divide and seal buildings up into fire resisting areas. In the rare event of a fire all students, staff and visitors are instructed and required to evacuate the building immediately. Keele does not operate a "stay put" policy.

The University has an excellent track record for fire safety. Our accommodation is equipped with modern fire and smoke detection systems that are directly linked to our 24/7 security team who respond immediately to any fire alarm activation. The response can be escalated to the Fire and Rescue Service at any time.

Our fire precautions and preventative measures are regularly reviewed to ensure a high standard of safety. The risk of rapid spread of fire is mitigated. In addition, trained staff conduct regular inspections and assessments of our buildings to ensure fire routes and exits are kept free of obstructions and combustible materials.

We appreciate students are away from home for the first time and as such we produce safety briefings and conduct regular fire drills within our accommodation. If any students are concerned about their accommodation then they should contact [accommodation@keele.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@keele.ac.uk)