

# MOVING INTO YOUR NEW PROPERTY & JOINING A COMMUNITY



So its finally time to move into your new home... all exciting stuff. We have some helpful tips and advice on the practical things to do to ensure your tenancy gets off to a great start. It's also a good time to consider the community that you are joining and how you can positively contribute, especially when we reflect on the last year, and the importance of supporting your neighbours and housemates.

## MOVING IN CHECK LIST

- ✓ **MOVING IN ROTA** - Organise a rota to avoid all moving in at the same time. Bring only one person to help. The first person to arrive should do the main checks.
- ✓ **TAKE METER READINGS** - Give them to the energy supplier and landlord as you don't want to pay for the previous tenant's bills and keep a record for yourself. Avoid costly estimated bills by taking monthly meter readings.
- ✓ **FIND OUT HOW TO TURN OFF THE GAS & WHERE THE ELECTRIC FUSE BOARD IS** - Just in case of an emergency and if the electric fuse trips.
- ✓ **FIND OUT WHERE THE STOPCOCK IS** - This is the mains water tap and is the off switch for all the water in your home and is usually under the kitchen sink - check with your landlord. If a water pipe bursts you need to know how to switch it off.
- ✓ **CHECK THE INVENTORY** - This is a list of all the condition of furniture, fixtures/fitings, usually supplied by the landlord. Check it, make amends and return it. If one isn't provided you can produce your own. Also take dated photos of any disrepair or damage, however minor and send to the landlord.
- ✓ **READ THE BOILER & APPLIANCE MANUALS** - Find out how to work everything, as you don't want to cause any damage. If the manuals are missing, ask the landlord for a copy.
- ✓ **TV LICENCE** - You must have one to watch or record programmes as they're being shown on TV or live on an online TV service. Including if you download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer - live, catch up or on demand and applies no matter what device you use.
- ✓ **FIRE SAFETY** - Plan an escape route and a backup route. Make sure exits are always kept clear and keys are where they can be easily found, but not left in doors as this can attract burglars.

## INTRODUCE YOURSELF



Say hi to your new neighbours - now more than ever communities have come together to support each other. It's a great way to start on a positive with those living around you. Go along to residents' meetings - your university and student unions attend the meetings and would welcome your input and support.

## BEING RESPECTFUL & CONSIDERATE OF THOSE AROUND YOU

Remember to consider your neighbours. Those living close-by maybe vulnerable, elderly, families with young children or working from home. During this time people may be feeling more anxious, so any unruly behaviour or inconsiderate noise has the potential to cause upset.

## GATHERINGS

Many students will see moving into a new home as an opportunity to get together with some friends and have a party. Be considerate - noise from music, people talking loudly and arriving at or leaving your home can travel, and be a nuisance for your neighbours.

- Try to think of others and be mindful of those living around you before deciding to host a gathering
- Check the current government guidance before holding any gatherings - [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## TRY TO LIMIT NOISE

- ★ When heading home, be considerate about how much noise you may be making.
- ★ After 11pm, make sure your TV and music volume is low or use headphones.
- ★ Close windows and doors at night so noise doesn't travel.
- ★ If you have music speakers position them away from adjoining walls.
- ★ Be mindful when ordering taxis - share with your housemates to reduce the number of cars.

**£5000** Is how much you can be fined if you are taken to court for persistent noise after breaching an Abatement Notice.

# REMEMBER TO...

## FIND A GP & DENTIST



Make sure you're registered with a local GP and dentist. It's quick and easy to do online. Enter your postcode to find your nearest GP.

Even if you have registered since coming to Liverpool, you may have to register with a new GP if you move to another area of the city, so it's best to check.

[www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp)

## REGISTER TO VOTE

Have your Say!

Register to vote in the local elections and have your say about key decisions that could affect you.

The process to register is simple, and only takes 2 minutes online.



You can register at both your term time and home address.



[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

## PUT THE BIN OUT & RECYCLE



All non-recyclable waste should be placed in the purple bin.



Recyclable items including paper, glass, cardboard, plastic bottles, tins and cans should be put in the blue bin.



If you live in an apartment block then waste should be disposed of in the large black bins in the communal bin area.

**£20** is the cost you will have to pay to replace a lost purple bin!

Some properties don't have the space for a wheelie bin (e.g. narrow terraced housing), and you will need to put your waste into **black plastic bin bags**, and recyclables into a **special box** for collection.

Collection and waste info:

[www.liverpool.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/)



Rubbish attracts rats and other vermin so make sure bins are put out at the right time and place. Store them away between collection days to prevent them getting lost or stolen.



# NOW LOCK THE DOOR!



DON'T GIVE BURGLARS AN EASY WAY INTO YOUR HOME - LOCK ALL EXTERNAL DOORS, EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN

# THIEVES OPERATE DAY & NIGHT



# NOW SECURE THE WINDOW!

