



Exeter College
Student Accommodation Electrical Regulations

1. Under the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 there is an obligation on the College to control all electrical appliances connected to its electrical system.
2. Subject to paragraphs 6 and 7, appendix 1 lists the electrical items permitted in College rooms. If they are over two years old you should have them tested by a qualified electrician before bringing them into College. You may be asked for proof of testing if there is any doubt as to the safety of the item.
3. It is strongly advisable that electrical, electronic equipment and chargers are purchased from reputable suppliers and carry the BSI kitemark. The plug must also carry BS number 1363, be of the safety sleeve type, and be correctly fused for the appliance. Flexible cables must be in good condition and not worn, perished, split, stretched or twisted. You are responsible for ensuring that appliances are well maintained and kept clean, dry and free from dirt and tested regularly by competent people.
4. DIY multi-sockets and rotary extension cables are strictly prohibited. Only factory made, fused multi-sockets fitted with a plug to BS 1363 may be used where there are insufficient permanent sockets. Where used, cables are not to be trailed in such a way as to constitute a trip hazard.
5. Foreign adaptors, converters and extension cables are acceptable as long as they fulfil the criteria in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.
6. Exemptions from the above may be granted on medical or religious grounds only. You should seek permission in writing to the College Nurse or College Chaplain or Domestic Bursar.
7. If your room is in Turl Street you may bring a travel kettle (700w or less) and toaster (1,000w or less) placed on a metal tray. It is your responsibility to provide such a tray.
8. The College reserves the right to enter any room in order to check on the use and safety of any electrical equipment. Any appliances, leads etc. thought to be faulty, potentially dangerous or in breach of the guidelines above **will be removed and retained by the College until the end of term**. There is a decanal fine for using dangerous or banned equipment in rooms.
9. You must not interfere with electrical fittings or connect appliances to a lighting circuit. You must not use any kind of additional lighting apart from the table lamps provided.
10. **If one of your appliances trips the electricity supplies, you should not try and use it again but inform the lodge or maintenance department who will investigate. Constant attempts to use faulty equipment inconvenience your fellow students when the electricity supply is tripped. All instances of this will be reported to the Sub-Rector.**
11. Please help the College to reduce risk from electrical appliances and protect the environment by switching off and unplugging items when they are not in use.
12. You must remove all your electrical appliances when departing from College accommodation. The College reserves the right to charge you for disposal and administrative costs.
13. **THE COLLEGE'S DECISION ON THE USE OF AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE IS FINAL**

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Appendix 1

Portable electrical appliances in student bedrooms

Electrical items NOT allowed in bedrooms
Any electric cooking appliance, including hobs, microwave ovens, ovens and grills
Mini / undercounter fridges (for medication refrigeration, please see below)
Rice cookers
Any type of electrical heater or fan heater
Iron / pressers
Coffee machines
Batteries and chargers for electric vehicles, bicycles, scooters etc
Fused adaptors to convert non-UK plugs to UK plugs not meeting BS1363 standard
Extension leads
Plugged decorations such as Christmas lights, fairy lights, etc.
Electrical items allowed in bedrooms (see Notes)
Laptop / desktop computer
TV or monitor
Applicable to Turl Street bedrooms only – Travel kettle (700w or less) and toaster (1,000w or less) placed on metal tray
USB power bank
Games console
Music system
Headphones
Musical instrument
Toothbrush
Hair care appliances, shaver/trimmer
Battery operated medical devices (thermometers, injectors etc)
Electric vaporisers / cigarettes (see separate policy on smoking)
Fused adaptors to convert non-UK plugs to UK plugs that meet BS1363 standard
Battery operated decorations such as Christmas lights, fairy lights, etc.
Subject to approval
Medication fridges (not mini, under-counter fridges)
Electric dehumidifiers / humidifiers (for medical reasons only)
Plug operated medical devices
Notes
It is strongly advisable that electrical, electronic equipment and chargers are purchased from reputable suppliers and carry the BSI kitemark ().
All equipment must be correctly wired and not tampered with.
It is strongly advisable that rechargeable appliances are not left plugged-in overnight.