



Fact Sheet

Home safety

Preventing fires

- Test your smoke detector at least once a week.
- If your smoke detector is a battery one check and renew the battery if required at least once a year. If you have a new smoke detector, it will have been fitted with a ten year lithium battery.
- Before you go to bed or when you go out make sure all fires are out or a fire guard is used, put out all cigarettes and close all doors.
- Don't dry clothes over heaters.
- If using a chip pan make sure it is never more than one third full of fat and never leave unattended. Remove from heat when you have finished using.
- Use proper candle holders when candles are lit and do not leave them lit if no one is in the room.

Preventing Carbon Monoxide fumes

- Keep rooms well ventilated.
- Make sure vents are not closed or blocked.
- By law we must carry out a gas safety check on all appliances once a year. You must allow us into your home to do this check.
- We also undertake a solid fuel servicing every year.

Can you smell gas?

If you smell gas:

- Don't use anything electrical, electric switches, door bells or even your phone (including your mobile phone).
- Turn the gas off at the meter.
- Don't smoke or light a flame.
- Don't use your intercom system.
- Open doors and windows to get rid of the gas.
- Check to see if the gas has been left on unlit or if a pilot light has gone out.
- Call National Grid (Gas) on freephone 0800 111 999 using a phone outside of your home.

Electrical safety

- Unplug any appliances that are not in use.
- Use correct fuses in plugs.
- Disconnect the electricity supply to any faulty switch or socket.
- On a regular basis, unplug electrical items and check that the cables are not damaged. Make sure the cable is not laid under carpets or in very tight places.

- Do not run any electrical appliances from a light fitting.
- Don't overload sockets.
- If any electrical items / accessories are wet, do not touch them. Turn off the electric at the consumer unit (fuse box) and ensure you don't touch it until it is completely dry.
- Do not touch bare wires. Turn off the electric at the consumer unit.

When someone knocks at your door

- If you have a viewer on your door, have a look and check who it is before you open the door.
- If you have a chain, put it on before you open the door.
- If you don't know the caller, ask to see their identity card and check it carefully.
- If you are unsure about the person, ask them to wait outside while you telephone the organisation they claim to represent to check who they are.
- Anyone visiting your home from St Leger Homes will be wearing an identification badge. If you are unsure about anyone claiming to be from St Leger Homes contact your local area office.
- Don't let anyone in you are unsure about.

Security checklist

- Do not leave any cash around your home.
- If you are going away, fit a timer device to a lamp in the living room to make it look as though someone is there.
- Mark valuable items with your postcode and house number, or use smart water.
- If your going out in the evening, draw your curtains and leave a light on.
- Inform St Leger Homes if your going away for a long period of time and give us a contact number.
- Speak to your neighbour and ask them to keep an eye on your property.
- If you have additional door locks fitted, ensure they can easily be opened from the inside in case you need to get out in an emergency.
- Check that all your windows and doors are locked if you go out.
- If you have a shed, keep it locked – a burglar may use your tools to break into your home.
- Don't leave any keys, money or mobile phone in view or where they can be reached through the letterbox

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