

winter break support guide



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leaving your student home secure

A lot of students will be leaving Norwich over the winter break, and it's important to make sure your student home is left safe and secure to avoid any nasty surprises when you get back:



Heating

it's always best to leave the heating on a low setting for a few hours each day, to avoid frozen pipes and risk of flooding



Lighting

using plug-in timers on a couple of lamps so lights turn off and on at set times can help a property look occupied, reducing the risk of a burglary

Locks

make sure all doors and windows are locked before you go home; ask the last person leaving to double-check the locks and confirm in a group chat

Valuable items

if you can't take valuable items home with you, make sure they're stored out of sight - this includes your laptop, playstation or TV



Electricals

it can seem annoying, but switching off electrical appliances and unplugging them from the mains can save you some money and protect your house from accidental fires

Food items

throw away any foods that are likely to go out of date, wash the dishes and empty the bins before you leave, otherwise you might come back to nasty smells and mouldy food. Don't forget to check if your housemates are leaving before you throw away anything that belongs to them!

Social Media

it's always worth being careful about what you post on social media, and it's good to avoid publicising that your home will be empty