



# Walker Street Preston

# Preston

Residents' Guide

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## Welcome

### Hello and welcome to Preston!

Firstly, thank you for choosing Walker Street to call home this year; we want to ensure you get settled in as quickly and easily as possible. This booklet should help as it contains everything you need to know about living here. You will find answers to many of our frequently asked questions including reporting repairs, communal living advice, personal safety information and – most importantly – how to keep your new home clean and tidy.

Remember to keep this guide in a handy place in your room and we are here to help you and we hope your time with us is an enjoyable one.

If you have any questions or concerns about the residences during your stay, please get in touch with the on-site team. You can do this by popping to reception or giving them a call from the phone in your bedroom or sending an email.

T: 0300 123 5050 - choose option 2  
then option 3  
E: [WalkerStreet@sanctuary-students.com](mailto:WalkerStreet@sanctuary-students.com)

# Arrival day



## Arrival day

You have now arrived and collected your keys. With your keys you received a welcome pack which includes maps, your new mailing address and lots of other useful information to help get you started.

### Inventory

Now you have checked in, before you start to unpack take some time to fill out the inventory form and aim to have it completed and returned to our on-site team within 48 hours of arrival.

The inventory lists all the items you should find in your room and shared common areas. This is your opportunity to make note of any damaged or missing items, so it's important you take some time to complete this.

**Note:** By not completing the inventory, you may be liable for the cost of repairing or replacing any damaged or missing items when you leave.

We try to ensure everything's in good working order ready for when you move in, but unfortunately things do break from time to time. If you come across any maintenance issues on your arrival, please do not list them on your inventory as these may take a few weeks to process. Instead pop in and see the team on reception, give them a call or send an email:

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Reception opening hours: 11am-3pm Monday-Friday.

Reception is closed during half term and the summer holiday. However, we are open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday at Moor Lane Halls if you need us.

## Your space

### Furniture

Your room is all set up ready to be filled with all your favourite home comforts, so please do not attempt to move any furniture or add any large items of your own. Remember to use your inventory to check all items of furniture are in place and in good condition. If you find any items are missing or damaged, please get in touch with reception.

### Posters

We want you to make your room feel like home, but please only use the provided pin boards for any posters you would like to display. Please do not use any fixings that may damage the bedroom or communal walls, including blue or white tack, tape, pins or nails.

**Note:** Any necessary redecoration needed when you leave will be charged to you.

### Smoking

Smoking is only permitted outside the building in designated areas. Please observe the signs to ensure you are smoking in a designated smoking areas and dispose of cigarette butts appropriately.

### TV licence

If you plan to watch live TV or BBC iPlayer on a television, mobile phone, tablet or laptop, you will need a TV licence. Visit [www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk) for more information. Please do not put up any external television or radio aerials.

### Heating and hot water

Hot water is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There is a heater in each room and also in the communal area of your flat.

**Note:** The heater will switch off when the temperature reaches 21°C. To re-enable press the white button on the wall next to the heater.

### Pets

Sorry, we do not allow pets to be kept on-site, this includes goldfish - sorry!





# Shared facilities

## Shared facilities

### Reception

Reception is open between 11 am - 3pm, Monday to Friday during term time only. The on-site team can be contacted by telephone and email.

T: 0300 123 5050 - choose option 2 then option 3  
E: WalkerStreet@sanctuary-students.com

You can also find us on Facebook.

Should you have any maintenance issues outside of our reception opening hours, you can report them to the security officers, however if it is an emergency please call the 24-hour site number.

**Emergency T:** 07546 558 555

### Internet

Wi-Fi is available throughout the building and you will also find an Ethernet connection point in your room. You can connect up to seven different devices to the Wi-Fi at any time.

### Storage

We cannot provide storage facilities on-site, however, if you ask at reception we can advise on local storage facilities.

### Post

Letters will be delivered to your letter box on the ground floor of block B and parcels will be delivered to reception at Moor Lane Halls. We will notify you by email when a parcel arrives for you. Please remember to bring proof of ID when collecting parcels or letters that require a signature.

Please make sure the following details are included in your address when you are having mail sent to you.

Your name  
Your block, flat and room number  
Sanctuary Students  
12-16 Walker Street  
Preston  
PR1 2RN

### Laundry

The laundry room is located on the first floor of block B and is open **between 7am and 10pm**, with the last wash at 9:30pm. Washing machines and tumble dryers are card operated. Charges, information on how to top up your card and instructions are displayed within the room.

If you have any problems with the laundry, please contact the team at Moor Lane Halls. Alternatively, you can call the laundry company directly using the number displayed on the posters.

Please keep the laundry room clean and tidy and remove your laundry as soon as the cycle has finished so the machine is free for others to use.

**Note:** We cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to your laundry.

## Shared facilities

### Bins and recycling

Waste is collected regularly by our waste disposal contractors who deal with waste in an environmentally responsible manner. You can speak to your on-site team for local recycling opportunities.

Bin stores are located next to block A.

Please empty your bedroom and kitchen bins and use the bin stores to dispose of daily rubbish from your flat.

Please do not flush any items other than toilet paper down the toilet. Please wrap up razors, condoms and sanitary items and place them in the bin.

**Note:** At the end of the year we give unwanted food and clothing to The Salvation Army as well as bedding to various animal

charities and furniture to local charity Emmaus. Please bring any donations to reception at Moor Lane Halls before you leave.

### Bikes

Bicycles can be kept on-site in designated areas. Please do not keep bikes in your flat or anywhere they may block stairwells or emergency exits. Please use a lock to secure your bike.

**Top tip:** Register your bike with the police by visiting [www.bikeregister.com/](http://www.bikeregister.com/).

### Parking

Unfortunately we do not have any on-site parking. Please contact us if you would like information about alternative parking nearby.

### Vending machines

Vending machines can be found in block A, B and C.



# Shared facilities



# Communal living and pastoral care

## Communal living and pastoral care

By following these simple codes of conduct you are sure to avoid tension with your flatmates and will also help make your time with us enjoyable.

### Respect

Always treat others as you would like to be treated. Be respectful of each other's differences and lifestyles and talk about any problems openly. Be considerate of each other's living space and let your flatmates know if you are having guests over.

If you are having problems, please contact us.

### Noise

Please be mindful of those who are trying to sleep and study and try to avoid doing the following:

- Letting doors slam when entering or leaving
- Talking, shouting or laughing loudly, especially in corridors and communal areas
- Loud music
- Any loud noise between 11pm and 8am

Of course we want you to go out and have fun, but remember noise can be really irritating for someone trying to sleep or study.

### Food

Food theft can have a damaging effect on relationships within your flat. In the few days following your arrival, agree between yourselves if you will have any communal food items. Remember to ask permission before you borrow anything and check with your flatmates before throwing their food away. Try to avoid buying large quantities of

food in one go to make sure everyone has enough storage space.

### Looking after yourself

Register with a doctor (GP) as soon as you can. For details of local practices visit [www.nhs.uk/service-search/GP/locationsearch/4](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/GP/locationsearch/4). For minor illnesses you can visit any local pharmacist. Please ask at reception for details of the nearest hospital. Our team are on hand to provide confidential support and advice on topics including mobility needs, homesickness, issues with your flatmates and financial worries. If we can't help, we will know someone who can.

### Emergencies and first aid

In a medical emergency call 999 immediately providing the full postal address. Please notify reception so the emergency services can be directed to the correct room.

For police non-emergencies, please call 101 and for medical non-emergencies please call 111.

### Information for students with disabilities

Please come and talk to us about your needs and requirements such as needing a personal evacuation plan.

### Culture shock

Leaving home can be stressful, but many people will feel the same – talk to them about how they feel. Try to meet new people on your course or in your flat and find out about different social activities at Freshers' Fairs or the Student Union website. Keep in contact with people you are familiar with, have familiar things around you and either talk to us or look in to University support services if you are struggling. The UKCISA website has more information on this.

### Environmental care

Please help us save energy and water by switching off lights when you aren't using them, using low temperatures on the washing machine and not leaving taps running – these can make all the difference in being environmentally friendly.

### Support and advice

Find out about your Student Union support services or visit [www.nightline.ac.uk](http://www.nightline.ac.uk) for confidential advice and support.

Drug or alcohol concerns? Visit [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com) – do not assume you (or your friends) know all the facts.

If something is troubling you and you need someone to talk to The Samaritans have a phone helpline, visit [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) for more information.

## Personal conduct

We want to ensure all our residents live in pleasant, safe and secure surroundings.

We want all our residents to enjoy their time here with us, so check out our occupancy agreement where you will find terms and conditions which should help. Remember to be respectful when interacting with fellow residents and staff.

If your behaviour is deemed unacceptable, you may jeopardise your occupancy agreement.

It's important you're aware of behaviour that breaches your occupancy agreement. It includes but is not limited to:

- Illegal drug use
- Alcohol related misconduct
- Smoking inside or undesignated areas
- Threatening or abusive behaviour

- Anti-social behavior such as loud noise between 11pm and 8am
- Mop the vinyl floor and vacuum the carpet weekly
- To avoid infestation from rodents or insects, keep your flat clean and tidy and contact reception immediately if an infestation occurs

Please refer to your occupancy agreement for more information.

If you're aware of any misconduct please report this to the on-site team or security. You can also contact the police as a last resort.

We reserve the right to confiscate any items that are not permitted or we deem hazardous. Any confiscated property will be logged, stored safely and returned on your departure from the residence.

### Cleaning

You are responsible for keeping your flat clean and tidy. Please ensure you take responsibility for your own washing up and put things away.

At least once a term we will inspect your kitchen and communal areas of your flat. There may also be bedroom inspections. If the level of cleanliness is unacceptable, we will instruct agency cleaners to clean your flat and you and your flatmates will be responsible for covering the cost.

**Top tip:** Draw up a cleaning rota early on so everyone knows their responsibilities and your flat remains a pleasant and hygienic place to be. Think about vacuuming, taking the bins out and wiping surfaces.

Your flat has a vacuum cleaner, remember to replace the vacuum bag once full and fit a new one.

Please also keep outdoor areas clean and tidy and take any rubbish with you.



### Kitchen cleaning tips

- Wipe the hob after each use and clean with hob cleaner weekly
- Use soapy water to clean kitchen wall tiles, then wipe down
- Cover food before microwaving and wipe inside and outside regularly
- Cook food in a dish or tray and clean the bottom of the oven and grill pan regularly
- Throw away out of date food and wipe doors and shelves with a cloth – keep the fridge/freezer dial on the middle number to avoid ice build up
- Wipe the worktop after each use and clean with hot soapy water weekly
- Don't leave rubbish lying around, empty the bin regularly and use a bin bag
- Clean up any spillages straight away to avoid stains
- Report any blocked drains to reception



## Useful procedures

### Reporting repairs

We ask that you take responsibility for reporting any repairs or breakages that you come across. Any emergency or health and safety issues should be reported to reception immediately.

Our on-site estates team look after the day-to-day repairs and our trusted contractors cover major repairs. Report any repairs at reception, over the phone or fill out the Report a Repair form on our website. If you sign a fault report, you give permission for the maintenance team to collect keys from the property management and enter your accommodation to fix the reported fault. If you prefer to be present, please mention this on the form - this may cause delays and may not always be possible.

Call the 24-hour number below in an emergency such as major power failure or flooding.

**Emergency T:** 07546 558 555

### Paying your rent

The easiest way to pay is by a Recurring Card Payment (RCP). We will use the card details you provided when you accepted your contract for rent payments. Your payment plan and the dates your rent will be taken can be found in your tenancy agreement or in the email from us regarding your guarantor's documents.

**Note:** Should your card details change due to changing banks or receiving a new card, please remember to speak to a member of our on-site team.

Students unable to set up an RCP can contact reception who can help. International students without a suitable UK guarantor must pay in one installment before the tenancy begins. For any concerns, please contact the on-site team.

### Moving rooms

Should you wish to move rooms or move into a vacant room in a friend's flat, administration charges will apply and is subject to availability and suitability.

### Damages

Please note any damages caused by misuse will be charged to the students responsible. Damage to communal areas will be split between you and your flatmates (or all students living on a floor or in a block where appropriate) unless the person responsible comes forward. Please ask for indicative prices, you won't be charged for damages resulting in fair wear and tear.

### Visitors and guests

Please feel free to bring your friends and family over. It's important you sign any visitors in at reception when they arrive to comply with fire regulations. Guests can stay in

your room for up to two consecutive nights, any duration longer than this will need the permission of the Accommodation Manager. Lending of rooms (subletting) or keys is strictly prohibited. You are responsible for all guests and must accompany them at all times while on-site. Under-18s must not stay overnight. If you do not tell us about guests you may risk losing your tenancy.

### Complaints

We always do our best to provide an outstanding service, however we do recognise that sometimes things can go wrong. Please contact reception and we will try to reach a solution. If this doesn't work, we have a formal complaints procedure that you can follow.

### Confidentiality and privacy statements

Here at Sanctuary Students, we take your data privacy seriously. We gather your data

when you fill in a form on our website, send us an email, give us a call or live in one of our student properties to make sure we give you the best possible experience.

Our privacy statements explain why we collect your data, what we do with it, how we store and share it.

We collect different sets of data at different stages of your relationship with us, meaning we have a privacy statement for each stage. Read our privacy statements to find out more at <https://www.sanctuary-students.com/privacy-statements>

### Equality and diversity

We promote equality, diversity and human rights through our Fairness for All policy. Please contact us to request a copy.



# Useful procedures

# Keys, safety and security

## Keys

You have been issued with keys for your flat and room and an entry fob to get into the building, please keep these with you at all times. If you lose your keys or fob please contact reception straight away so we can replace them for you, there is a charge to cover the replacement and change of locks if required.

Look after your keys and never attach your address to them. If a member of staff sees a door unlocked, they will lock it.

## Security

Don't let anyone through the doors or allow someone to follow you in who you don't know, please do not lend your keys to anyone. Always lock doors and windows when you go out and at night. Please do not tamper with window restrictors and use the safety catch where available.

Sanctuary Students cannot be responsible for the loss, damage or theft of your possessions. If you have a laptop or other expensive, portable equipment, make sure it is kept hidden and secure. Money and valuables should never be left unattended in public areas.

**Top tip:** Name your belongings so they can be identified by the police if they are lost or stolen.

If you see anything suspicious, please report it. We have 24 hour CCTV monitoring systems in place.

## Insurance

Please read the policy of our insurance provider carefully. Many of your personal possessions will be covered in certain circumstances such as theft, but others may only be covered up to a certain value so check

and upgrade your policy where needed. Alternatively you can take out your own insurance with a provider of your choice.

**Your insurance is invalidated if your room or flat door has been left unlocked.**

## Carrying cash

If you're travelling from overseas with large amounts of cash, please deposit this in a bank as soon as you can as we are unable to provide safes or lockers for your room.

## Personal safety

Be mindful at all times. Plan your journeys in advance and let your friends know where you're going. Avoid poorly lit and remote areas at night and keep valuables hidden. Program any security numbers or emergency contacts into your phone so you have them with you at all times.

**Top tip:** Have a written copy too in case your phone gets stolen.

## Accidents

If you have an accident on-site or notice anything dangerous or unsafe, please let us know straight away.

## Electrical safety

Don't put yourself or your flatmates at risk and ensure your electrical equipment is safe to use. You will be responsible for accidents resulting from faulty equipment or equipment that falls short of European or British safety standards.

Check for visible signs of damage before using electronic equipment, if in doubt do not use it and use a label to inform others not to use it either. Inform the owner or contact reception if it's equipment supplied by us.

Bar extensions with more than four sockets will be confiscated due to the possibility of overloading the circuit.

When using electronic equipment:

- 1) Always follows the manufacturer's instructions
- 2) Don't overload electrical sockets
- 3) Don't use makeshift wiring – if it's faulty, replace it
- 4) Do not leave switched on electrical items unattended
- 5) Disconnect equipment not being used
- 6) Switch off and disconnect faulty equipment immediately
- 7) Don't run cables under carpet or rugs and don't put flammable materials on or near electrical equipment

We reserve the right to confiscate non-permitted items or anything deemed hazardous which can be collected upon your departure from the residence.



## Fire safety

### Fire safety

Your building, flat and bedroom are protected by a fire and smoke alarm system; however you must observe the following guidelines to reduce the risk of fires happening.

- 1) Never burn candles, oil burners, tea lights, joss sticks or anything with a naked flame or exposed heat source – these are dangerous and banned from the accommodation
- 2) Do not cover your room heater at any time
- 3) Don't leave cooking unattended and switch off appliances after use
- 4) Don't cook using dirty grill pans or hob
- 5) Don't put anything metallic in the microwave
- 6) Take extra care when cooking after a night out
- 7) Don't prop fire doors open
- 8) No portable or personal heaters allowed – including electric blankets
- 9) Chip pans, deep fat fryers, barbecues, gas appliances and plug in air fresheners are a fire hazard and banned from the accommodation
- 10) Electronic cooking equipment is not allowed in your bedroom, including kettles and toasters.

**Note:** Any banned or unsafe items may be removed without warning.

### Fire drills

Fire alarms are tested every week, usually on a Wednesday afternoon. Fire drills are a legal requirement and are held at least twice a year. On hearing the alarm you must evacuate the building immediately. Familiarise yourself with the fire action notices, evacuation routes and assembly point.

#### On discovering a fire:

- 1) Sound the alarm
- 2) Get out of the building
- 3) Call the fire brigade on 999
- 4) Let a member of our team know

#### On hearing the alarm:

- 1) Get out of the building
- 2) Close doors behind you
- 3) Don't use lifts
- 4) Don't rush or push
- 5) Meet at the assembly point (identified

- on the notice on your bedroom door)
- 6) Do not attempt to re-enter the building until a fire officer or member of our team say it is safe to do so

### Safety equipment

Fire fighting equipment exists for safety. Misusing fire-fighting equipment will seriously jeopardise your occupancy agreement as well as the lives of you and your neighbours. Penalties against you or you and your flatmates may be incurred if safety equipment is interfered with and may lead to criminal prosecution.

If you find any fire-fighting equipment missing or damaged, please let reception know so it can be replaced or repaired.

If your smoke or heat detectors start to beep, tell a member of our team immediately. Do not tamper with or cover

detectors – they could save your life.

### Avoid false alarms!

To avoid unnecessary fire service call outs and evacuations:

- Don't tamper with detectors – this may activate the alarm
- Ensure the ventilation fan is running and the bathroom door is closed during and immediately after showering
- Use a steam iron, aerosols, hair dryers and straighteners away from detector heads
- When cooking ensure extractor fans are running, windows are open and the kitchen door is closed
- Report any broken ventilation or extractor fans immediately

## Before you leave

### Moving out

If you wish to terminate your contract early please contact your on-site team in writing. Your contract must be transferred to someone else and you will be charged an administration fee. If a suitable replacement cannot be found, you will continue to be responsible for paying the rent. Please refer to your tenancy agreement and ask the on-site team for more details.

#### Before you leave us please:

- Remove all personal goods and furniture (we may charge for anything left behind)
- Clean your room, en-suite, kitchen and corridor and empty all rubbish

- Close all windows
- Lock your bedroom door
- Return all keys and fobs in person to reception
- You should refer to your contract for details of your contractual obligations.

Don't forget to pass on your new address to your contacts as we are unable to forward mail. After your departure, we will return any items addressed to you to the sender.

Sanctuary Students operates in accordance with the ANUK Code of Practice.




**Address:** 12-16 Walker Street, Preston PR1 2RN

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