



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Safety in communal areas during COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic

Important COVID-19 information from Dacorum Borough Council, your housing landlord

As a landlord, we are dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of our tenants, so we operate a safety in communal areas policy. Items left on stairways and in communal areas can cause slips, trips and falls. Bags of rubbish and some other items may also be a fire hazard.

Our safety in communal areas policy is still in operation and escape routes in blocks of flats **must** remain clear at all times, but following the government's guidance on COVID-19, our inspectors will not be taking items of value away and storing them until further notice. This is to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Therefore, we need your help to keep communal areas clear and keep you, your household and your neighbours safe.

What can you do

Council staff may still periodically inspect the blocks owned by the council, but these will be less frequent than usual while we try to maintain other essential services. Please make sure, now more than ever, that you do not place any items on landings and stairways. Take your rubbish straight from your home to the bin area – never leave it outside your door. If you do see fire or trip hazards in communal areas, please tell us and we will try to contact the owner.

You can find more information about the Council's approach to COVID-19 at

www.dacorum.gov.uk

If you come across any items in communal areas that you are unable to remove, or if you have information on who it belongs to, please contact the compliance team by email on

compliance@dacorum.gov.uk

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