



# The HomeLet Guide to Surviving Uni Life

## Moving Checklist

- **Sort out your Council Tax.** Full-time students are generally exempt from the tax but you'll need to complete a form to let your council know.
- **Sort out your utilities** – gas, electricity and water. Work out whose name the bills will be in and what share you will each pay. These are sometimes included in your rent so check your contract carefully.
- **Buy a TV licence.** You'll need a licence to cover your property if you're planning on watching TV live or through the BBC iPlayer — even when watching on a laptop or tablet.
- **Ensure your valuables are protected.** Consider the total value of all the possessions you're taking to uni and make sure you protect them against theft, fire and accidental damage.
- **Check the local parking regulations if you have a car.** You may be restricted to parking in certain zones or at certain times. Avoid a hefty fine by establishing where you can park and whether you'll need a permit.
- **Speak to your managing agent or landlord.** Make sure that their contact details are easily accessible so you can contact them if there are any problems.
- **Sort out internet access.** You're likely to need decent Wi-Fi in your house, so you'll need to arrange for broadband to be set up in your property.
- **Familiarise yourself with the security in your home.** Make sure that you know how to lock the windows and doors and ensure outbuildings are secure. It's important that you take security seriously in case you need to claim for a theft.
- **Check public transport routes.** Work out where the nearest bus stop or train station is so you know exactly how you will get to your lectures and seminars.
- **Buy some essentials.** If you're lucky, your uni halls came with all the mod cons that you needed. Now you're in a house of your own, you're going to need to buy things like kitchen utensils, loo roll and bedding.
- **Keep an eye on your finances.** Check what date your student finance is being paid and make sure you have budgeted for your rent, utility bills and regular costs such as food, toiletries and nights out.
- **Register for the doctor and dentist.** Register with your local practices in case you need to access healthcare services. Check if you need any vaccinations as some unis ask students to be vaccinated against meningitis.
- **Update your address.** Let your university and other organisations – for example your mobile phone provider and bank – know where you are living in case they need to get hold of you.
- **Check when the bins are collected.** It may not be glamorous, but knowing when the bins are collected will help you avoid drowning in rubbish for weeks on end.
- **Your landlord may have left items in the property and they will expect these to be in good condition when you move out.** Always refer to your inventory. Our insurance makes sure you're protected against accidental damage to your landlord's property.