

## Fire Precautions, Health & Safety

### Risk Assessment

Hosts are required by law to make sure their premises are safe and to carry out an annual risk assessment of their home. If hosts do not do this, they may be considered liable in case of accident and St Giles may be considered liable for recommending the premises without making sufficient checks.

### Fire

The following measures should be checked:

- Smoke alarms
- Fire escapes
- Fire extinguisher/fire blanket
- Fire doors
- Check for fire obstacles i.e. rubbish obstructing doorways, doors that are locked, window locks
- Gas boiler checked annually

You are advised to consult your own local Fire Authority as to their requirement/recommendations.

See [www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/paying\\_guests](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/paying_guests) for more details.

Please complete and return the attached checklist, which will help you carry out your risk assessment, keeping a copy for yourself. This will need to be reviewed annually.

If you have any further questions about this, please feel free to contact the accommodation office. We will be carrying out quick assessments when we revisit and are happy to help.