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Thames Valley

HILLINGDON

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KEYWORKERS



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This leaflet gives information on how to help you maintain your property and live safely in your home.

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Reporting repairs

If you have gas central heating please report any repairs to Central Heating Services (CHS) on **0800 028 4169** or **01252 551 006**.

All other repairs and maintenance queries should be reported to the MTVH Keyworker Office. The team can be contacted by:

Telephone:

020 8607 0564

Email:

hillington@mtvh.co.uk

In person at the Hillington Office:

**Munsaugh House,
48 Crispin Way, Uxbridge,
Middlesex, UB8 3WY**

Online using MTVH online:

You will need to register, please contact the office for more details.

Emergency repairs

Out of office hours:

If you have an emergency repair after 5:00 pm Monday to Friday or at the weekend, please call:

0300 456 2929

choose option 1

You will be connected to the MTVH out of hours service for emergency repairs only.

If you're not sure whether you are responsible for a repair, please contact us.





Examples of emergency repairs are:

- Serious water leaks
- Loss of electricity and heating
- Anything which poses a serious risk to health and safety

Any non-emergency repairs should be reported to the on-site Keyworker Team when the office is next open.

Your responsibilities include:

Carrying out minor repairs

These include small jobs inside your home such as replacing and repairing any of the following:

- Sink plugs
- Light bulbs
- Blocked sinks, showers, toilets
- Toilet seats

To help us provide an efficient repairs service we need you to:

- Report any problems as soon as possible
- Give as much detail as possible about the problem
- Tell us how we can contact you
- Tell us when we can get into the property to carry out the repair

Smoking

We operate a no smoking policy throughout all of our buildings, including the communal areas of shared flats.

Electrical equipment testing

It is a Health & Safety requirement to test all electrical equipment on an annual basis. We carry out a fixed and portable appliance test on all the electrical appliances provided by us, including a microwave emissions test.

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You're responsible for ensuring all your personal electrical appliances are tested annually. We can arrange for your equipment to be tested, there will be a charge for this service. We will let you know in writing when testing is due.

As this is a regulatory requirement, it's important when appointments are made, they're adhered to. Alternatively you can make arrangements for access to be provided by our on-site team.

Paying your rent

Your rent is payable monthly, in advance.

If you're an employee of Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust you must pay your rent via payroll deductions. If you're not an employee of the above Trust, you can pay your rent via monthly Direct Debit on the 1st of each month.

If you get into difficulties paying your rent, please contact us at the earliest possible time, so we can look at ways in which we can help.

Fire precautions

When you're moving into the building, you must familiarise yourself with all the fire exits and your nearest escape routes.

If you discover a fire you should follow these procedures:

1. Raise the alarm
2. Leave the building by the nearest exit
3. Report to the assembly point
4. Call the fire brigade on 999

On hearing the fire alarm:

1. Evacuate the building immediately.
2. Proceed to your designated assembly point.
3. Remain at the assembly point until authorised to leave.
4. Do not take risks.
5. Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
6. Do not re-enter the building for any reason until authorised to do so.

Remember:

1. Raise the alarm immediately.
2. Your safety is our first concern.
3. Close all doors behind you.





In addition, all fire doors, including all kitchen doors, should be kept shut at all times and mustn't be wedged open.

If you live in a block of flats, fire safety guidelines and legislation states that all communal areas must be kept completely clear.

Cleaning, laundry and linen **Cleaning**

You're responsible for cleaning your room/flat and keeping it in good decorative condition. We've provided vacuum cleaners in all shared areas for all to use.

Linen

Bed linen and towels aren't provided.

Laundry

A cashless operated laundry room is available next to the Keyworker Office. The laundry room is locked but

is accessible to residents 24 hours a day. If there's a fault with any one of the machines, call the Circuit Number:

0800 092 4068 or
01422 820040

Alternatively, report it to the on-site Keyworker Office during opening hours.

Please treat the laundry room and your fellow residents with respect and leave the room clean and tidy for others.

Post **Where to collect your post**

Your post will be delivered to your individual flat or in letterboxes in the shared corridors.

Security

Your security is of the utmost importance to us and your property has been designed with this in mind. You'll need to use your access fob

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when entering your accommodation building. There are also security doors around the buildings, which stop people from wandering around areas where they don't live. These security doors also require a fob or key for access.

Visitors

Visitors will be able to contact you on the intercom system outside your property by keying in your flat number and pressing the 'call' button.

Strangers

When entering or exiting the building, please ensure you shut the door securely behind you and look out for strangers trying to enter the building. However, never put yourself at risk and if a person becomes aggressive or threatening towards you, don't engage with them. Report the incident immediately to a member of MTVH staff or the local police.

Keys/Fobs

You were issued with a set of keys and/or a fob for your accommodation. In the event that you lose, misplace, forget or have them stolen, you'll need to go to the Accommodation Office during office hours for a replacement. If you lose or misplace them when the office is closed you'll need to contact the out of hours service:

0300 456 2929

They will arrange for you to be given access to your room/flat. On the next working day, you must contact

the office and we will issue you with replacement keys/fobs. Please note, you will be charged for any replacement set of keys/fobs and for the cost of any locks or barrels we have to change.

Rubbish

You are responsible for ensuring all rubbish from your room/flat is disposed of in the bins provided in the outside store area. Kitchen bins in shared flats will be emptied by the on-site cleaning team on a daily basis Monday to Friday.

Recycling collection: Wednesday

General refuse collection: Friday

Bulk Rubbish

If you have any bulk rubbish, it's your responsibility to take this to the local refuse tip/recycle centre. Alternatively, you can contact London Borough of Hillingdon Council who will collect these items for you.

Parking

There are a limited number of parking spaces on site. To find out if there are any spaces available, contact us on:

020 8607 0564



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If there are no parking spaces available, you will be added to a waiting list and we will contact you when one becomes free. Any vehicles parked without a valid permit displayed will be ticketed.

TV, Telephone, Internet & Satellite TV Television

The communal aerial provides access to all the freeview digital channels. There are television aerial points located in each flat, so there is no need for you to install an aerial.

It's your responsibility to ensure you have your own TV licence. If you have a television, please ensure you apply for a TV Licence. **Failure to buy a licence may result in a fine of up to £1000.**

You can apply for a licence by visiting:
www.tvlicensing.co.uk

Satellite

Satellite dishes are not permitted anywhere throughout the scheme. If you want to get satellite channels on your TV, there's a satellite provider available on site which you can sign up to. For more details please contact the Keyworker Office.

Telephone

There is a telephone access point in your accommodation. If you require a telephone connection you will need to contact your chosen service provider and they will give you details on connection charges.

Wireless Broadband

WiFi access is available throughout the building. To connect to the service is simple by connecting your computer or mobile device to 'Optify Media Force.' then just follow the onscreen instructions. You can sign up for a day, a week or longer. Full information of the costs is available on screen.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in any of our Keyworker properties. The only exceptions will be if you require a guide dog, or, you have private access to your own private garden. If you do fall under one or both of the two exceptions mentioned, you will need to apply to MTVH in writing before getting a pet and we will assess your request.

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