

Don't be the one

Don't be the one who thinks it won't happen to them.

If you cause a fire in your home, you could:

- Lose your accommodation
- Face criminal charges
- Be refused housing in future

Many landlords and housing providers will not accept people with convictions linked to arson or reckless endangerment. This could make it much harder for you to find housing in the future.

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The biggest fire risks in shared housing.

Cheap / unbranded phone chargers

Low quality chargers and cables can overheat, short circuit or explode. Always use the correct charger for your device and avoid very cheap or unbranded products.

Vape batteries

These can cause fires if you throw them in a bin. Please use battery recycling in local shops or leave for your Housing & Support Officer to take.

Electric scooters and e-bikes

These contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire or explode if damaged, faulty or charged incorrectly. Fires involving lithium-ion batteries spread more quickly and are extremely hard to put out. Once these fires start, they fill a room with thick, toxic smoke **fast.**

E-scooters & e-bikes are not allowed in Derventio properties for this reason.

Protect yourself and others

- Only use approved, good quality chargers
- Do not charge devices on beds or sofas
- Never leave devices charging unattended
- Do not bring e-scooters or e-bikes into your property

Need help? Speak to your Housing and Support Officer for help with safer solutions, such as travel options or replacement chargers.
Your home should be a safe place.

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"The first couple of weeks after I was really riddled with anxiety. Any sort of noise I didn't recognise...I was struggling to sleep. I was so scared something was going to happen during the night." **Words from a Derventio resident who managed to escape a recent e-bike fire.**