

WHAT CAN I KEEP IN COMMUNAL AREAS?

KEEPING EVERYONE
IN YOUR BLOCK SAFE

WE ARE SAFER TOGETHER

Fire safety is up to all of us. Play your part.

Clear communal areas keep you safe

Nothing is more important to us than your safety. We're working hard to make your homes safer and now have a clear communal areas policy.

This means that there are rules for what can be kept in communal areas like hallways, staircases and the space outside your home.

We want you to be able to enjoy your home and personalise your space, but we also need you to think about your safety and the safety of everyone living around you.

We regularly check communal areas and put notices on items that are not allowed to be kept there or through the doors of the residents they belong to. If you receive a notice, you will only have **48 hours** to remove your item. After this time, it will be taken away and destroyed.

Please read this leaflet and make sure everyone in your household knows what can stay in communal areas and what needs to be taken away.

Problems with storage?

We know that storage is difficult for many households. If storage is a problem for you, please speak to your neighbourhood housing officer to see if we can help:

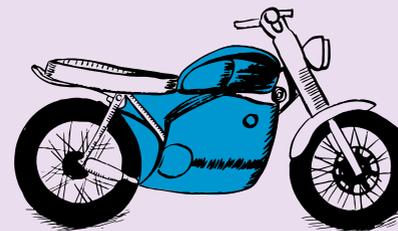
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🌐 [camden.gov.uk/your-neighbourhood-housing-officer](https://www.camden.gov.uk/your-neighbourhood-housing-officer)

All of these items are flammable and you're not allowed to store them outside your home



Prams or buggies



Mopeds or motorbikes



Rubbish bags



Bikes and scooters



Paint or other DIY materials



Furniture



Plastic plants
Plastic and wooden pots



Mobility scooters

TAKE IT AWAY ✖

If you're keeping these or anything else that could catch fire outside your flat, in corridors or any other communal area, please find somewhere else to keep them.

You are not allowed a door grille – this is based on guidance from the London Fire Brigade.



**TAKE IT
AWAY X**

It would be difficult for the fire brigade to get in and help you if there was a fire in your flat and the grille was locked.

Please remove your grille as soon as possible – we will be in touch to give you a date to remove it by. If you do not remove your grille by this date, the Council will remove it.

If you are worried about removing your grille, speak to your neighbourhood housing officer.

You are not allowed to keep shoes or shoe racks outside your door.



**TAKE IT
AWAY X**

Even if your shoes or shoe rack aren't in someone's way, if they caught fire it could fill the communal areas with smoke, making it harder for everyone in your building to get out.

Everyone in all Camden council homes can have a doormat.*



You can have a purpose-made doormat but not a piece of carpet or any other fabric. Please don't put carpet underneath your doormat as this could catch fire.

**IT CAN
STAY** ✓

You are allowed live pot plants outside your home as long as they are not in plastic or wooden pots and they are not in anyone's way.



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You can have more than one plant in a terracotta, clay or metal pot but please be sensible. Even dried out soil can be a fire hazard and lots of pots could make it harder for residents to get out of your building in an emergency.

Your neighbourhood housing officer may talk to you and ask you to bring some plants inside if there are too many outside your flat – please work with them and your caretakers to keep everyone safe.

You are not allowed wooden or plastic pots, or plastic flowers or plants because they could catch fire and create toxic smoke.

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