

Fire door Facts

Fire Doors Facts – Did you know?

- The University has a legal and moral obligation to maintain fire safety arrangements, this includes fire doors.
- Fire doors (kitchen, bedroom, or other doors) are often propped or held open with wedges or objects, this creates a serious risk to fire safety.
- Fire doors only work when they are kept shut.
- Propping a fire door open could activate a fire alarm.
- Propping open fire doors can put lives at risk as in the event of a fire, they are not able to stop the spread of fire and smoke.
- Fire doors can resist fire and smoke for up to an hour.
- Fire doors must only be held open using an automatic door holding device which automatically shuts the door when the alarm sounds.
- Propped fire doors put your safety, security and property at risk and could invalidate your contents insurance.
- Propping open fire doors is a disciplinary issue and a breach of your tenancy agreement, you can be fined and/or asked to pay for and attend a fire safety awareness course.
- The Fire service could take legal action against you personally in the event of a fire if your actions put other people at risk.

These photos show the effectiveness of a closed fire door, taken after a fire at the University.

