

Bakewell Holiday Cottages – FIRE SAFETY - Ribblesdale

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND ADVICE CAREFULLY AND ENSURE THAT IT IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY.

Our aim is to ensure your safety at all times.

HEAT AND SMOKE ALARMS

In accordance with the latest Building Regulations the house is fitted with linked alarms. There is a heat alarm in the kitchen and smoke alarms in the hall, on the landing on the 1st floor and in the attic.

If the alarms go off and it is a **real emergency** then:

1. Alert everyone in the house.
2. Evacuate as quickly as possible via the “**Escape Route**” (see below) – do not stop to pick up personal possessions.
3. Once outside check that everyone in the house is accounted for and **call 999**.
4. **Do not re-enter the house.**

If it is clearly not an emergency, eg if you burn the toast, then open the windows & doors to clear the smoke. If the alarms continue to sound then carry out a re-set by holding in the “Test” button on one of the alarms for a few seconds. You may need to stand on a chair to do this so take care. Please tell us as soon as possible if you think there is a fault.

False Alarms: If the alarms go off for no apparent reason, first check carefully to ensure that it really is a false alarm. If you are sure, then re-set the alarms as explained above and tell us at the earliest opportunity so that we can check the system.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM

A Carbon Monoxide alarm is fitted high up on the wall in the alcove to the right of the chimney breast in the dining room. It is **not** linked to the heat and smoke alarms. If this alarm sounds:

1. Keep calm and open the doors and windows to ventilate the house.
2. Stop using all fuel-burning appliances and ensure, if possible, that they are turned off. This includes the gas hob and gas boiler.
3. Evacuate the house leaving the doors and windows open.
4. Call the Gas Emergency Number **0800 111999** and explain the problem.
5. **Do not re-enter the house until the alarm has stopped.** When exposed to fresh air it can take up to 10 minutes for the sensor to clear and the alarm to stop depending on the level of carbon monoxide detected.
6. Get medical help immediately by calling 999 for anyone suffering the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning (headache, nausea) and advise that carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected. Use the 111 NHS number for non-emergencies.
7. Call us so that we can arrange to address the problem.
8. Do not use the appliances again until they have been checked by an expert.

FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Fire Blanket

A fire blanket is provided in the kitchen. This can be used to smother a small fire, eg in a frying pan. It can also be used to wrap around the clothing of a person if this has caught fire.

Fire Extinguishers

Two fire extinguishers are provided, one on the wall in the hall on the ground floor and one on the banister on the first floor landing. These are of the pressurised foam type (AFFF Foam) and are safe to use on all types of fire likely to occur in the house, including on electrical equipment.

They should only be used on a small fire and/or to aid escape from the house.

PLEASE DO NOT INTERFERE WITH ANY OF THE FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT. In particular please ensure that young children are kept away from it.

Please let us know immediately if you discover any problems with any of the fire protection equipment.

ESCAPE ROUTE

In case of emergency evacuation proceed as follows:

1. **Ensure all occupants are alerted to the need to evacuate.** Pay particular regard to anyone who has a hearing impediment and to waking young children who may sleep through sounding alarms.
2. **Leave the house by either the front door or the back door** using the staircase to descend from the first floor to the ground floor. Note that the front and back doors are fitted with thumb-turn locks that allow them to be unlocked from the inside without a key.
3. **If it is impossible to use the staircase then shut the door of the room you are in, open the window, shout loudly for help and call 999.**

GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND ADVICE

ATTIC: THE ATTIC IS OUT OF BOUNDS FOR GUESTS. DO NOT USE THE ATTIC FOR SLEEPING UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

NO SMOKING: PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE ANYWHERE ON THE PREMISES. This is a non-smoking house. Apart from the fire risk, we will make an additional charge for cleaning of any fabrics or furnishings that may have become contaminated by tobacco smoke. Please do not throw cigarette ends down on the ground anywhere within the garden or driveway and **PLEASE DO NOT** put them in the bin in the kitchen.

CANDLES etc: PLEASE DO NOT USE CANDLES INDOORS or any other type of naked flame, eg matches.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: PLEASE DO NOT COVER UP ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS ON-CHARGE, eg laptops, tablets, phones as this can cause overheating and lead to fire.

HAIRDRYERS: A hairdryer is provided that is kept in a metal holder on the landing. Please return the hairdryer to the holder immediately after use where it can cool safely. If you bring your own hairdryer please ensure that you use it safely and put it on a hard surface to cool after use. **Do not cover up a hot hairdryer or put it down on a bed, on the carpet or in a bag or suitcase.**

BARBECUES: If you wish to bring a portable barbecue with you then please advise us in advance and we will help you to ensure this can be done safely and without causing damage or inconvenience to other guests and neighbours.