

Risk Assessment

We very much want guests to have an enjoyable and safe stay in the Latham hall farmhouse. Accidents can happen at any time, to the most careful of people, but there is an added risk when one is in unfamiliar surroundings. For your safety and information we have tried to identify possible sources of 'danger' and advise how to avoid these and minimise risks.

Guests

We have identified two groups for whom the property may cause problems, children and infants, and any adult with mobility problems, unable to cope confidently and safely with steps and stairs. The stairs; the stairs could be slippery in slippers/socks, so extra care should be taken, and at all times use the handrail when using the stairs. Note Guests must take every care to ensure the safety of any visiting child/infant or less mobile adult.

Fire

Please familiarise yourself with the detailed instructions for use of the Fire equipment provided. The Fire equipment provided is a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket. We do ask guests to be extremely sensible and aware of the special dangers posed by fire, and the risk to personal injury.

- **Never leave cooking on the hob, unattended.**
- **Never leave an electrical appliance, unattended, such as the toaster, hairdryer or Electric iron.**
- **Please use the tiles provided to place hot hair straighteners on.**
- **Please ensure all electrical appliances & lights are switched off, before going to bed.**
- **Please be aware of the dangers of a naked flame at all times, never leave unattended. Do not place a candle near any inflammable material, never leave unattended, do not use candles anywhere near to the bed.**
- **Please note, "Tea lights" and candles are not allowed.**
- **The Latham hall has a No Smoking policy within its property.**

Heat detectors are fitted in the hall and kitchen. Also a carbon monoxide smoke alarm by the stairs. Emergency lighting; A torch is provided.

The Open fires

- **Do not leave matches or spare logs & coal near the fire.**
- **Please take care lighting the fires.**
- **Please ensure that the fire guards are always placed in front of the fire when lit.**

Hygiene and Welfare

- **Guest soap is provided for guest.**
- **We can arrange for the cottage to be cleaned weekly, on either a Monday or Friday, for guests staying a fortnight or longer.**
- **Mattress protector and pillow protection are fitted. Sheets, duvet covers & pillowcases are cotton.**
- **A small First Aid kit is provided.**
- **Note, some lights have energy saving light bulbs.**

Central Heating etc.

The Latham hall has a combi oil fired boiler for hot water and heating system. Digital thermostat controls are on each radiator.

Disposal of Waste

Please help us by sorting your refuse into the appropriate bin. Bins are stored to the side of the property. A bin is in the kitchen, spare liners are provided. The bin categories are:

1. Glass (bottles/jars) plastic containers (milk cartons only)
2. Paper, cardboard in box under the stairs,
3. Household rubbish - please rinse all cartons/tins.

The refuse collection is on Tuesday p.m., and can you please put refuse/recycling out before you depart.

Flooding

Internally, please do not leave any tap running, as there are potential serious consequences. Please do not leave the bath, basin or kitchen sink taps running, unattended.

Bathroom

Please take care when getting in or out of the bath, and be aware that a tiled floor can become slippery. Please use the cotton bath mat provided, to prevent slipping.

General

It is of the utmost importance for guests to read this information and advice on arrival. Please also ensure that you familiarise yourself with the building, its surroundings and all safety instructions.

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