

Administration Office



## **Hot Plate Policy**

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Hot plate appliances are not allowed in individual rooms at CRC Self-Help Properties. Tenants are to use the shared kitchen facilities in their respective homes.

## Why do we need this policy?

Hot plate appliances create a significant fire hazard. This policy aims to ensure that all tenants have a clear understanding of the dangers that hot plate appliances have.

Hazards from hot plates include:

- Burn hazard: Touching the surface of the hot plate could burn you.
- In some hot plates, there is an electrical spark hazard from either the on/off switch, or the bimetallic thermostat used to regulate the temperature (or both.) If the equipment sparks near combustible or flammable materials, fire could result.

This policy aims to ensure that we safeguard the wellbeing, comfort, safety and security of tenants and the neighbouring homes.

If CRC Self-Help staff discover a hot plate in your room, the organization reserves the right to impose a fine to the tenant for operating a fire hazard in their room.

## Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to:

all tenants in all CRC Self-Help properties

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**CRC Self-Help Management**