

3. Living Rooms

Infants or small children can climb up onto any boxes or other items that are placed near windowsills. Do not place items where this could happen, as there is a serious danger of accidents from children falling out of windows.

In households where there are older children, and where there may not be full-time adult supervision, you are allowed to install wooden fencing if you feel the railing would be unsafe.

To do this, you need to submit an application to remodel your apartment (page 35).



Warning

In households with small children, do not place furniture or boxes beside handrails or windowsills, as there is a risk of children climbing onto them and falling off.

(1) Tatami Mats

Make sure that newly constructed apartments are well ventilated, as new tatami mats may be damp, and the concrete itself may still hold some moisture.

Some UR apartments have insecticide agents in place beneath the tatami mats; however, you may still have outbreaks of insects in the tatami mats. Please take note of the following preventative measures (there are mites and other insects present in every home to some extent).

◎ Make sure that tatami rooms are kept well ventilated and clean (for details, see pages 59 to 61).

(2) Wooden Flooring

- ◎ Placing heated carpets or infra-red kotatsu heaters directly over the floor may lead to cracking, gaps, or discoloration. Please place a mat on the floor and place heated carpets and kotatsu heaters upon this.
- ◎ Directing hot air or heat from heaters directly onto the floor may lead to cracking, gaps, or discoloration. Please put down a mat, etc. so that the floor is not subjected to hot air or heat.
- ◎ If only a part of the floor is subjected to heat, or if the whole room dries out excessively, this may lead to cracking or gaps. When using air conditioners, please ensure that the room is not excessively dried out.
- ◎ Please hang curtains in windows through which direct sunlight enters the room for long periods of time. Failure to do so may lead to cracking or discoloration.
- ◎ If you use furniture with wheels directly on the floor, it may cause peeling or cracking. Always use floor protectors when you use such furniture.

(3) Window Fittings

If dust or grime accumulates on aluminum or steel window frames, it will become increasingly difficult to remove. This dirt can also lead to deterioration of the fittings themselves.

Periodically use a sponge to wash the window fittings with a mild detergent and warm water.

(4) Attaching Items to Walls

In some cases, you may wish to attach hanging hardware to the wall to decorate the room with interior decorations such as pictures or hanging scrolls, or to attach hangers.

This kind of hanging hardware should be used if the wall has an attached lintel. Please do not install it directly on the concrete wall, as it may damage the pipes embedded in the concrete.

(5) Curtains

In apartment buildings that are more than 31 meters in height (approximately 11 floors or more), you are required to use curtains and carpets that are marked as being "fire retardant." (Section 1, chapter 3, clause 8 of the Fire Prevention Law)

(6) Telephone

◎ If you want to use a telephone line, please apply to a carrier for yourself.

◎ You have to pay for all costs related to the use of a telephone lines.

◎ In apartments that are fitted with a telephone line, there is a telephone socket (modular jack) in the living room. You can plug your own telephones into the sockets, but even if your apartment has three or more sockets, please do not attach more than two telephones at one time. Doing so can damage the telephone lines.

◎ If you do not have a telephone line in the apartment, then you will need to have one installed yourself. Please contact your local telephone company.

With certain exceptions, one phone line is fitted for each apartment.

◎ In apartments fitted with an intercom equipped telephone, when using a tone dialing line, switch the intercom to "push-button type" using the switch on the side of the body, and when using a pulse line, switch the intercom to "dial type." For further details, **please refer to the instruction booklet.**

(Emergency contact telephones work in a similar way. Please refer to page 90.)



Modular jack
(in apartments where two lines
can be used)

(7) Air Intake Vents for the Constant Low-Air Flow Ventilation System

Some residences are equipped with the constant low-air flow ventilation system, and the air intake vents for ventilation are installed on the exterior walls. Please keep the air intake vents open during normal operation. Please temporarily close the air intake vents if there is a typhoon or other severe air flow.

In addition, the air intake vents should be cleaned periodically. If they are equipped with an air filter, you will be responsible for the cost of replacing the air filter. **Please refer to the instruction manual for details.**

Air intake vents



(8) Loft or Ceiling Storage

Some houses are equipped with loft or ceiling storage. If used incorrectly, it may lead to injury, so please read the instruction manual and use it with caution.



Loft



Ceiling storage