



SIZ Lost Property Policy

A large amount of lost property passes through the University, left behind by staff, students and visitors. The University is not responsible for any personal items which have been lost on campus, but we will endeavour to make sure items are returned to their owner where identification is possible and held for a reasonable amount of time before becoming recycled or disposed of. The information below is used by University staff when dealing with items of lost property.

Items found on campus are generally handed in to the SIZ, SU, Tudor Hale Centre for Sport or Accommodation Office(s). Please be sure to check all of these locations. Students are reminded to label any items of value to ensure that lost property can be returned to them.

USBs should be labelled or named with a student number and students are reminded that SIZ staff will access the content of any unnamed USBs in order to try and identify the owner.

Depending on the item type, it is our policy to retain items of lost property at the SIZ for a minimum of one month. The period of retention and manner they are dealt with subsequently will depend on the item type; most items will fall into one of the following:

Item Type	Held for ...	Then ...
General lost property	one month	item is recycled/given to charity/disposed of
Clothing	one month	goes to clothing bank/ disposed of
Keys	one month	held in basement for 3 months and then destroyed
Books	one month	donated to library or charity
Mobile phones	one month	wiped and recycled
Glasses	one month	donated to charity
Unclaimed money	one month	donated to charity
Valuables	one month	these items are kept for a minimum of one month at the SIZ before going into storage
USB Sticks	three months	If labelled we contact the owner and hold for 3 months. SIZ staff will access the content of any unlabelled USBs to identify the owner. Any left unidentified are still held for 3 months. After 3 months they will then be wiped and recycled