Keep it safe



Environmental evils

	Water and temperature	Moulds and pests	Other
RISKS	Physical and chemical deterioration due to large fluctuations or extremes in temperature and humidity	High risk of spread if not controlled. Increased activity with high temperatures and humidity	High risk if materials stored unprotected on open shelves
	Water damage	Moulds	Light
	Staining	Staining	Fading
	Pages/layers stick together/ warp	Health risks to people breathing in spores	Airborne pollution
	High humidity	Pests	Chemical deterioration
	Rust from metal fastenings Mould and pests encouraged Low humidity Brittleness	Physical damage by insects such as beetles, moths, and silverfish, eating materials Physical damage by rodents, such as mice and rats, eating and building nests with materials	Fires Smoke damage Charring loss through burning
IDEAL HOMES	35%-60% relative humidity	13-20 °C	Dark with good air circulation and protective packaging