

For further information or to request a home safety check please contact your council's environmental health department.

Households with a child under 5, person aged over 65 or anyone with a mobility issue or special need can avail of a free home safety check. Safety equipment may be provided, and with householder's consent, onward referrals made to other agencies who can assist.

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Stay Warm Stay Safe

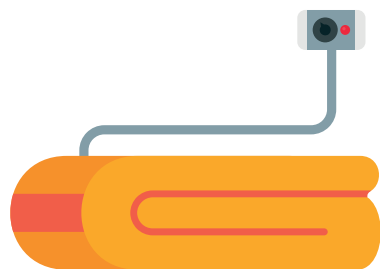
Safety Tips For:

- Heated Blankets
- Overloaded Sockets
- Electrical Chargers
- Hot Water Bottles
- Portable Heaters



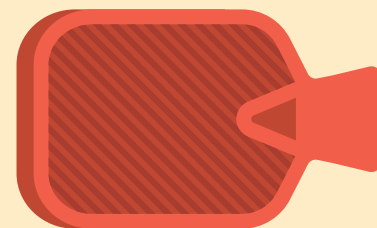
Safety Essentials

- Check product reviews before buying.
- Only buy genuine branded goods from reputable retailers.
- Look out for the CE mark on electrical goods which shows they meet safety standards.
- Always read the instructions and follow the manufacturer's advice.
- Register your appliance online at www.registermyappliance.org.uk/ to keep up to date with any safety alerts.
- Check for signs of wear/damage and replace faulty goods.
- Fit smoke alarms on every floor of your home and test them weekly.



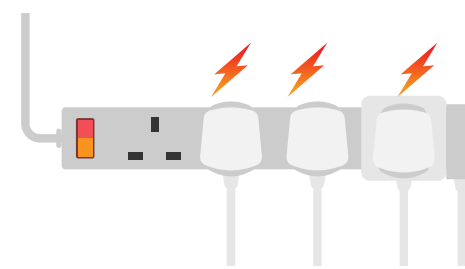
Electric Blankets and Heated Throws

- Buy a new electric blanket at least every 10 years.
- Always remember to unplug the blanket/throw when not in use.
- Never use an electric blanket/throw at the same time as a hot water bottle. Nor use with an air flow mattress or emollient creams.
- Store flat to avoid damage – do not fold or roll up tightly.
- Be vigilant to any signs of wear or damage to the blanket/throw.



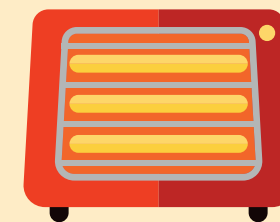
Hot Water Bottles

- Do not use boiling water and do not overfill the bottle.
- Avoid direct skin contact – place bottle inside a cover.
- Check the year of manufacture by looking for the flower symbol on the hot water bottle.
- Replace at least every 2 years - rubber deteriorates over time.
- Babies and people with certain medical conditions which includes loss of sensation should not be given hot water bottles.



Overloaded Electrical Sockets

- Do not overload electrical sockets/extension leads/adaptors as this can result in overheating and cause fires.
- Check the current rating of the extension lead on the instructions or label. Do not plug in appliances with a greater current rating than the extension lead.
- Do not plug one extension lead into another extension lead.
- Signs of damage include sparks, smoke, blackness or scorch marks.
- Never attempt to repair damaged sockets, extension leads/adaptors.



Portable Heaters

- Keep heaters well away (at least one metre) from flammable materials such as clothes, curtains and furniture.
- Place heaters where they cannot cause trips or falls.
- Heaters with a Tip Over switch, will switch off if knocked over.
- Always fit a carbon monoxide alarm in rooms with gas, paraffin or solid fuel heaters.
- Service heaters regularly as required.



Electrical Chargers

- Overcharging of mobile phones, tablets, laptops, e-bikes, e-scooters, e-cigarettes and other devices can cause fires. Switch off when charging has finished.
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in fire escape routes.
- Use only manufacturer recommended batteries and chargers.
- Avoid storing/charging batteries in very hot or cold areas.
- Charge on a non-flammable surface and don't leave devices charging unattended for long periods.
- Never cover chargers or charging devices.
- Do not use your device with its power lead or battery pack attached in bed.