

Electrical safety - advice on staying safe

Electrical appliances are responsible for an overwhelming amount of fires in UK homes every year. Below are some simple steps to take that will keep you and your family safe in your home.

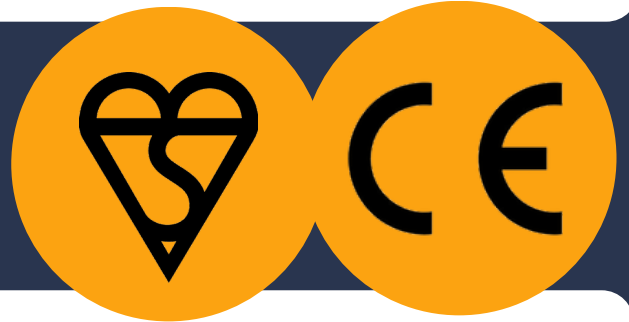
10 tips for staying safe

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Make sure any appliance has a fused plug, and the fuse is the correct rating, usually shown in amps. This will prevent overheating.

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Any appliance used should have a British or European safety marking when you buy it.



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High powered items such as tumble dryers, washing machines, microwaves etc, should always be plugged into their own wall socket.

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If using an extension lead, be careful not to overload it. Leads should not have more than 13amps used through them whether there is one socket or five. Remember: 5 amps + 5amps + 3 amps = 13amps.

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Try and avoid the use of extension leads, especially block plug adapters, which are commonly used to double or triple the amount of plugs you can put into a mains socket. Always stick to one plug per wall socket wherever possible.

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Always check the condition of appliances before use, don't use them if they are damaged or show signs of scorch marks, loose wiring and exposed cables etc.

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Always turn off appliances which aren't being used, and never leave items like electric heaters or tumble dryers running at night, or when you are out.

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Keep appliances clean and in good condition. Clean lint/fluff from tumblers dryers, clean oils and fats from ovens and keep vents free of dust. Check these frequently to reduce the chances of fires happening.

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Has your appliance been recalled? It's always useful to check. Some appliances such as tumble dryers can be checked for any manufacturers safety recalls by entering the make and model into a google search. If yours is affected, it should be unplugged immediately and not used.

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Never carry out any alterations or additions in your home without consulting the Saffron Housing Permissions team. We can provide minor adaptations such as moving light switches and sockets, usually for tenants with additional medical needs. Alternatively, we can grant permission for you to make these arrangements yourself with a certified electrician. For more information on how to apply for an alteration or permission, see the 'Improvements and Alterations' section of our website by [clicking here](#).

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