

Electric blankets



This picture shows just some of the blankets that failed last year

- Do not fold. Roll or store flat
- Unplug at night - unless thermostatically controlled
- Do not buy second hand
- If your blanket has scorch marks/worn fabric/bare wires/a damaged or buzzing connector - **Replace it!**

Portable heaters

- Try to secure heaters against a wall for stability
- Keep heaters clear from curtains and furniture
- Never use heaters for drying clothes

Furniture

- Check new furniture complies with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988
- Look for the fire-resistant permanent label



Cigarettes

- Never smoke in bed
- Use ashtrays and empty to an outside bin regularly
- Use child resistant lighters or matchboxes and keep out of reach of children
- Take extra care if you smoke when tired, use medication or have been drinking alcohol - you could fall asleep and cause a fire



Make a Fire Action Plan

Spend a few minutes to ensure you can answer YES to all of the questions below. Thinking about how you would get out if there were a fire will help you make a plan and be safer in your home.

1. Do you have working smoke alarms Yes
2. Do you test your smoke alarms weekly Yes
3. Do you maintain your alarms Yes
4. Does your family know what to do in case of a fire Yes
5. Do you have an alternative escape route Yes
6. Practice your alternative escape route Yes
7. Are your escape routes kept clear Yes
8. Do you know where door and window keys are Yes
9. Do you have a phone in your bedroom Yes
10. Ensure your family knows how to dial 999 Yes

What to do if there is a fire...

- Never attempt to tackle a fire yourself
- Keep calm and get everyone out of the property
- If there is smoke, keep low where the air is cleaner
- Check doors with the back of your hand, if they are hot do not open them! The fire may be on the other side
- Close doors behind you to contain the fire and reduce damage
- Call 999 as soon as you are safely out of the building
- Never return for valuables or pets

www.norfolkfireservice.gov.uk

A serious fire has just occurred in your area

Your local Fire and Rescue Service urges you to contact us to book your **FREE** home fire risk assessment. During this visit, our crews and staff will check your smoke detection equipment, and fit new alarms if necessary. They will also give you life saving advice on how to stay safe and what to do in the event of a fire.

To arrange your free visit, please contact:
0800 917 8137
home.safety@fire.norfolk.gov.uk

Crime stoppers:
0800 555 111



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Be prepared

- Plan your escape routes and keep exits clear
- The best route is the usual way in and out of your home
- Get everyone to practice your escape plan
- Keep door and window keys handy - tell members of your household where they are



Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire - like curtains.

- Put candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night
- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put out candles. It's safer than blowing them out when sparks can fly
- Children and pets shouldn't be left alone with lit candles

Register my appliance

Improve your home safety by taking the simple step of registering your fridges, freezers & washing machines at www.registermyappliance.org.uk a safety precaution allowing you to be contacted quickly if a recall or free safety repair is ever needed. It's important to install & use appliances according to manufacturer's instructions.



How to prevent common fires in the kitchen

- Do not leave cooking unattended - take pans off the heat
- Take care when wearing loose clothing - it can easily catch fire
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels, and cloths away from oven or hob
- Spark devices are safer than matches or lighters to light gas cookers
- Switch off oven or hob when you have finished cooking
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen
- If you deep fry food, consider buying a thermostatically controlled electric deep fat fryer

Do not tackle pan fires: get out, stay out and call 999

- 1 Never throw water over it
- 2 Turn off the heat if possible
- 3 Do not move the pan

Bedtime checklist

- Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on - like your freezer
- Check your cooker is turned off
- Don't leave the washing machine on
- Turn heaters off and put up fireguards
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly
- Make sure exits are kept clear
- Agree your escape plan with overnight guests

You are more at risk from fire when asleep

Electrical safety

- Don't overload sockets - keep to one plug per socket
- Unplug appliances when not in use or when you go to bed
- Always use the correct fuse
- Check and replace old cables and leads
- Do not place cables under carpets and mats



Lights

- Keep curtains and other fabrics away from light bulbs
- Do not exceed the maximum wattage on shades or fittings

Check electrical appliances for signs of:

- Loose wiring
- Scorch marks
- Hot plugs and sockets
- Fuses that blow
- Circuit-breakers that trip
- Flickering lights

Use the list above to safety check your electrical appliances.

If you find any faults or have any concern, isolate the appliance and consult a qualified electrician.

Keep all electrical appliances clean and in good working order