Electrical Safety 4



DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE More than half of accidental house fires were caused by the misuse of electrical items.

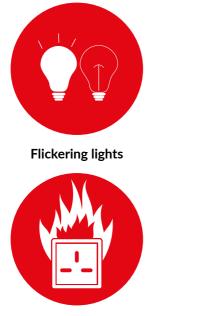
Don't leave electrical items on when you leave the house or overnight.



Make sure you buy all electrical items, including chargers for phones and e-cigarettes, from reputable sellers. Always use the right charger for the device.

Don't overload sockets, keep to one plug per socket and ensure you use the correct fuse.

Check electrical appliances for signs of:



Hot plugs and sockets



Scorch marks



Loose wires

If you have an electric blanket:

- Unplug at night unless thermostatically controlled
- Do not buy second hand
- Store it flat or rolled up loosely, never fold
- Test regularly

Check if your sockets are overloaded with the socket calculator at:

www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk

If you have any concerns, turn the appliance off and consult a qualified electrician

Testing your electric blanket

- Have your blanket inspected by the manufacturer or a qualified electrician, every three years
- Contact the manufacturer to see if they carry out tests, and how much a test would cost. It is sometimes cheaper to buy a new blanket





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