

# Electrical Safety ⚡



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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:



**Flickering lights**



**Scorch marks**



**Hot plugs and sockets**




**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](http://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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