

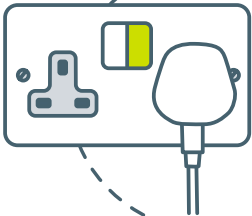


Fire prevention tips for your home



We know fires can be devastating, so we've put together some helpful hints and tips all about how to prevent fires inside and outside your home.

In the home



Electricals

Conducting regular checks of sockets, electric cables and wires for exposed wires, loose connections or scorch marks. Don't overload sockets.

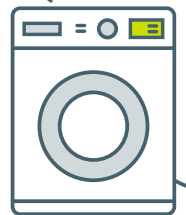
Appliances

Check for wear and tear and remember to turn them off (if they're not designed to be left on) before going out/going to bed.



Candles

Avoid leaving candles near flammable materials (textiles, paper, etc) and never leave them unattended, especially when going out or heading to bed.

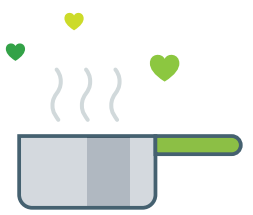


Hair styling appliances

Ideally unplug or at least switch off after use and leave them to cool on a heat proof surface.

Cooking

Never leave pots, pans or cooking appliances unattended.



In the home

Smoking/Vaping

Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out and don't leave vaping equipment on charge longer than required.

Smoke alarms

Check them regularly to ensure they're working and if batteries need changing.

Electric blankets

Never leave on overnight, turn off before you get into bed and check them regularly for wear and tear.

Open fires

If you have (or are installing) an open fire or log burner in your home, please let your insurer know. Always put a spark fireguard in front of an open fire and use an all-enclosed guard – especially if you have young children or pets. Do not hang clothes to dry or put anything flammable (like newspapers) on the guard.

Outside the home

- ✓ **Cooking** – if using a BBQ, never use these indoors or near to flammable items like fences or sheds and don't use petrol or flammable liquids to light them.
- ✓ **Reflective surfaces** – mirrors, lenses and glass, inside and outside the home – make sure these aren't facing the sun or left in a place where the sun can reflect from them onto materials or objects.

- ✓ **Escape plan** – It's also a good idea to have an escape plan for you and your family, in case of an emergency.
- ✓ **Smoking** – ensure cigarettes are stubbed out properly when finished.