

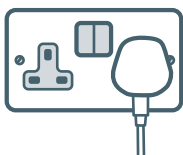


Fire prevention tips for your home

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 electric cables and wires for exposed wires, loose connections or scorch marks
- **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
- **Hair styling appliances** – keep them switched off after use and leave them to cool on a heat proof surface
- **Plugs and Plug sockets** – check for any wear and tear and don't overload sockets



- **Cooking** – never leave pots, pans or cooking appliances unattended
- **Candles** – avoid leaving candles near flammable materials (textiles, paper, etc) and never leave them unattended, especially when going out or heading to bed
- **Smoking/Vaping** – make sure cigarettes are stubbed out and never leave vape batteries on charge unattended
- **Smoke alarms** – do they have them? 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



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
- **Smoking** – ensure cigarettes are stubbed out properly when finished



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.



It's also a good idea to have an escape plan for you and your family, in case of an emergency.

We know it's important to have the right cover in place, why not speak to your Adviser about how our home insurance can help protect your home.