

WINTER FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Prevent a potentially devastating fire in your home this Winter by following our safety advice

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended. Look when you cook!
- Keep clothing and tea towels away from the cooker
- Keep electrical leads away from the cooker and water
- If a pan catches fire, get out, stay out and call 999
- Avoid distractions when cooking
- Don't cook after drinking alcohol or late at night

Electrical Fire Safety

- Turn off any electrical equipment at the socket
- Don't leave the house or go to bed if your washing machine or tumble dryer is in use
- Clean the filter in your tumble dryer regularly to remove fluff
- Don't overload any adapter or plug socket
- Don't put electric heaters near curtains or furniture

Standalone Heaters

- Switch heaters off if you're not in the room or are going to bed
- Keep heaters at least one metre away from fabric and furniture and never use them to dry clothes
- Only use gas and paraffin heaters in well-ventilated areas
- We advise against using bio-ethanol and gel fuel burners but if you do use them it is essential that safety warnings and manufacturer's instructions are followed

Test your smoke alarm every week!



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Candles

- Never leave candles unattended
- Keep candles out of draughts and away from furniture, Christmas trees and curtains
- Extinguish candles before they burn into the holder
- Ensure candles are out of reach of pets and children
- Don't lean across a candle as hair or clothes could set alight
- Outdoor candles should never be used indoors

Open Fires

- Always use fire guards when using an open fire to keep warm
- Make sure chimneys and flues are well maintained, our website provides more information on chimney maintenance
- Ensure that ash is disposed of carefully

Matches

- Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children
- In the event of a power cut never use matches and lighters as a heat or light source

Electric Blankets

- Examine your electric blankets regularly for signs of wear and damage
- Do not use your electric blanket if it is over 10 years old
- Don't fold up electric blankets. Store rolled up or flat to protect wiring

To arrange a Free Home Fire Risk Check call:

0800 0241 999

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