



Electrical Safety At Home.

In most homes today you will find an array of electrical equipment such as televisions, DVD players, stereos and computers to name a few. If these items are not designed to be left switched on (i.e. fridge, freezers, games consoles etc), always switch them off or unplug them last thing at night don't leave them on standby!

- ✗ Do not overload electrical sockets and ensure that all plugs are fitted with the correctly rated fuse.
- ✗ Do not put cables under carpets or mats; they can wear when walked over.
- ✓ When buying electrical garden or DIY tools, look for the British Standard kite mark.
- ✓ Check cables and flexes regularly for frays, kinks and bared wires.
- ✓ Check plugs to make sure they are firmly wired and not damaged.
- ✓ Replace damaged flex or plugs.
- ✓ Use a Residual Current Device (RCD) or Power Breaker on all appliances.
- ✓ Fully unwind extension leads before use. Unplug all electrical appliances when not in use.
- ✓ If you have to use an adaptor, use a 'bar type' with a fuse and keep the total output of all the plugs in the adaptor to no more than 13 amps.

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Useful contact points and further information:

You can download a copy of our home fire safety leaflet at:

www.hantsfire.gov.uk/homesafetyinformation.pdf

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service homepage: www.hantsfire.gov.uk

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