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Fire safety in the home

A guide for householders to keep safe from fire

Smoke detectors

- Fit a smoke detector on every floor of your home, ideally on the ceiling of a hallway or landing
- Don't put a smoke detector in the kitchen where it can be set off accidentally
- Test the batteries once a week. Long life smoke detectors are available



Remember: Test it, change it, replace it

Be prepared

- Plan your escape routes and keep exits clear
- The best route is the usual way in and out of your home
- Get everyone to practice your escape plan
- Keep door and window keys handy - tell members of your household where they are



Make a fire escape plan

If your clothes catch on fire

Stop, drop and roll



Stop!



Drop!



Roll!


- 1 Don't run
- 2 Lie down and roll around
- 3 Smother flames using a heavy material like a coat or blanket



Candles

Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire - like curtains.

- Put candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night
- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put out candles. It's safer than blowing them out when sparks can fly
- Children and pets shouldn't be left alone with candles



**Take care with hot oil
as it can easily set alight**

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How to prevent common fires in the kitchen


- Do not leave cooking unattended - take pans off the heat
- Take care when wearing loose clothing - it can easily catch fire
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels, and cloths away from oven or hob
- Spark devices are safer than matches or lighters to light gas cookers
- Switch off oven or hob when you have finished cooking
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen
- If you deep fry food, consider buying a thermostatically controlled electric deep fat fryer

Do not tackle pan fires:
get out, stay out and call 999

- ① Never throw water over it
- ② Turn off the heat if possible
- ③ Do not move the pan

Bedtime checklist

- Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on - like your freezer
- Check your cooker is turned off
- Don't leave the washing machine on
- Turn heaters off and put up fireguards
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly
- Make sure exits are kept clear
- Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them



**You are more at risk
from fire when asleep**

Electrical safety

- Don't overload sockets - keep to one plug per socket
- Unplug appliances when not in use or when you go to bed
- Always use the correct fuse
- Check and replace old cables and leads
- Do not place cables under carpets and mats



Lights

- Keep curtains and other fabrics away from light bulbs
- Do not exceed the maximum wattage on shades or fittings



Check electrical appliances for signs of:

- Loose wiring
- Scorch marks
- Hot plugs and sockets
- Fuses that blow
- Circuit-breakers that trip
- Flickering lights

Use the list above to safety check your electrical appliances.

If you find any faults or have any concern, isolate the appliance and consult a qualified electrician.



Keep all electrical appliances clean and in good working order

Electric blankets



This picture shows just some of the blankets that failed last year



- Do not fold. Roll or store flat
- Unplug at night - unless thermostatically controlled
- Do not buy second hand
- **Test regularly** - Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with Trading Standards hold blanket testing sessions at public venues

Portable heaters

- Try to secure heaters against a wall for stability
- Keep heaters clear from curtains and furniture
- Never use heaters for drying clothes

Furniture

- Check new furniture complies with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988
- Look for the fire-resistant permanent label



Stub out properly and dispose of carefully



Cigarettes

- Never smoke in bed
- Use ashtrays and empty to an outside bin regularly
- Use child resistant lighters or matchboxes and keep out of reach of children
- Take extra care if you smoke when tired, use medication or have been drinking alcohol - you could fall asleep and cause a fire

**In the event
of a fire,
don't tackle
it yourself.**

**Leave it to the
professionals.**

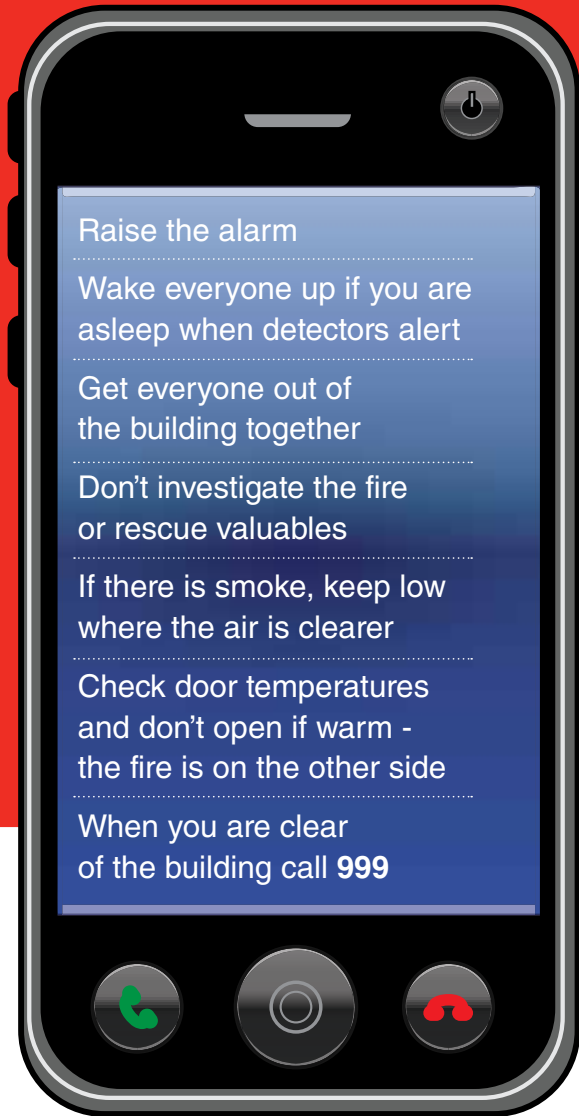
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