



# FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

*Keeping you safe from fire,  
while you stay safe at home.*



## SMOKE ALARMS

save lives, but only if they're working. You should have **AT LEAST ONE** smoke alarm on every level of your home.

You should test your smoke alarms at least monthly.



## IN THE KITCHEN...

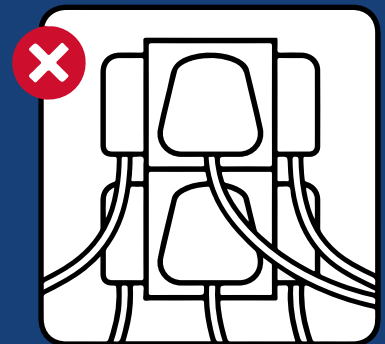
**DON'T** leave pans unattended while cooking and **NEVER** leave children and pets in the kitchen alone.

Keep cooking areas clear from combustible items like tea towels, oven gloves and food packaging.

Clean your oven and grill regularly. A build up of fat and grease can cause a fire.

Ditch the chip pan.

## ONE SOCKET = ONE PLUG



Don't overload your plug sockets. Appliances such as washing machines should have a single plug to themselves as they are high powered.



## ELECTRICAL ITEMS

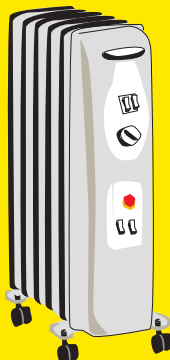
Check your electrical appliances are in good working order. If the wires are damaged or frayed, do not use them.

**DON'T** leave washing machines, tumble dryers or dishwashers running overnight.

**HEATERS** should be kept well away from clothes, curtains, furniture and other flammable materials.

**NEVER** use heaters to dry clothes.

Make sure they're switched off and unplugged before you go to bed.



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**CANDLES** should never be left unattended when lit and should be fully extinguished before you leave the room or go to bed.

Keep candles away from flammable items like curtains, furniture, bedding, clothing or books. Consider using LED battery operated candles instead.

## ESCAPE ROUTES

Plan an escape route and make sure everyone in the home knows how to escape.

Keep exits clear from clutter and obstructions.

Keep your door and window keys in a known and accessible place.

Think of a second escape route in case the first one is blocked.

If you have an emergency pendant, make sure you wear it and have it close by at bedtime.



## PUT IT OUT - RIGHT OUT



**NEVER** smoke in bed.

Take extra care if you smoke when tired, taking prescription drugs that make you feel drowsy or have been drinking.

Be sure to use a proper ashtray that can't tip over.

Be careful if you smoke and use emollient creams - they can soak into clothing, bedding and dressings leaving a flammable residue.

**REMEMBER, IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, GET OUT, STAY OUT, AND CALL 999.**

If you don't have working smoke alarms, please contact your local fire and rescue service (not 999) for advice by calling:



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