

BE SAFE AND SOUND

Make an appointment with the London fire Brigade for a free home fire safety visit.

The London fire Brigade offer personal fire safety advice in your home and will also fit a free smoke alarm where needed. If you or someone you know wants a home fire safety visit, call us free on.

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Follow the
Fire Exit

Keep Your home Safe From Fire

Did you know...?

- You're twice as likely to die in a fire if you don't have a smoke alarm that works.
- 90 people die each year because the battery in their smoke alarm was flat or missing.
- Over half of home fires are caused by cooking accidents.
- More than five fires a day are started by candles.
- Every three days someone dies from a fire caused by a cigarette.
- Faulty electrics (appliances, wiring and overloaded sockets) cause around 7,000 house fires across the country every year.

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Fire Kills

Electrical fault causes around 12,500 fire incident in homes. In the UK fire kills over 350 people every year and injures more than 9000.

This Leaflet has tips that will help to keep you and the building you live in safe.

Avoiding A Fire

Most fires are caused accidentally and the outcome of it can be devastating. Many lives can be put at risk. Please follow these simple precautions which can make you and the people living around you a lot safer.

- ✓ Be careful while you're cooking, especially when you using hot oil
- ✓ Keep children away from the kitchen when the hob or oven is turned on.
- ✓ It is unsafe to leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended and always use deep ashtrays so they cant roll out.
- ✓ Keep away flammable materials such as matches, lighters and candles from children
- ✓ Place candles in safe holders and make sure that they cannot fall over. Be careful with oil lamps and other open flame illuminations or decorations.
- ✓ Don't cook when drinking alcohol, using drugs, or very tired .

Install smoke alarms

Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. If you have interconnected smoke alarms throughout the home, when one sounds, they all sound. It's important to determine during the fire drill whether children and others can readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm. If they fail to awaken, make sure that someone is assigned to wake them up as part of the fire drill and in a real emergency situation.

Choose a safe location

Choose an outside meeting place, a safe distance away from your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan. Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, install house numbers to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.

Inform guests

Tell guests or visitors to your home about your family's fire escape plan. This is especially important when children are permitted to attend "sleepovers" at your homes.

Be prepared

Be fully prepared for a real fire: when a smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately. Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the fire department when you call. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues. Fire can spread rapidly leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape your home safely once the alarm sounds.

DIAL 999 IMMEDIATELY AND MAKE SURE YOU AND ALL OCCUPANTS ARE SAFE

What else you can

Make an escape plan

Key to your family's safety is planning and practicing a home fire escape plan regularly. Start by identifying two escape routes out of each room, if possible, then make sure that each of those escape routes can be used safely by everyone. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Everyone in the household must understand the escape plan. Have everyone memorise the emergency phone number 999. That way any member of the household can call.

Clear escapes routes

Items that block doors and windows in your home could keep you from escaping in the event of a home fire. And that could mean the difference between life and death. So unblock your exits today! When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily. If windows or doors in your home have security bars, make sure that the bars have emergency release devices inside so that they can be opened immediately in an emergency. Always choose the escape route that is safest – the one with the least amount of smoke and heat – but be prepared to escape under toxic smoke if necessary. When you do your fire drill, everyone in the family should practice getting low and going under the smoke to your exit. Closing doors on your way out slows the spread of fire, giving you more time to safely escape

Important: TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM EVERY WEEK.

- ✓ After using matches, quickly place in or run under water to extinguish any invisible flame or heat source that could cause a fire in the trash can.
- ✓ Don't leave hair straighteners, curling irons and other similar appliances on after use. Don't just turn them off at the socket or switch the device itself off, unplug it.

Make arrangements in your plan for anyone in your home who has a disability.

If there are infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

Reminder:

IF THERE IS A FIRE IN YOUR HOME ,DIAL 999 IMMEDIATELY . IF YOU DO SO YOU WILL NOT BE PUTTING OTHER LIVES AT RISK.

Electrical Safety

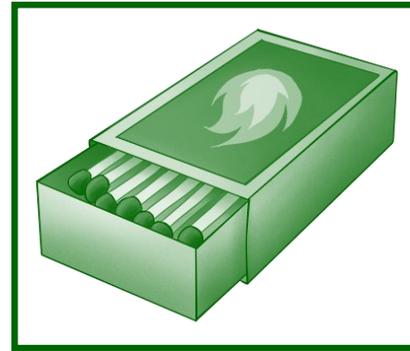
These are some important steps you can take to prevent an electrical fire in your home

Follow these rules

- ✗ **DON'T** overload mains outlets and extension cables .
- ✓ **DO** ask grown-ups to put safety caps on all unused electrical outlets. Covering outlets will also help save energy by stopping cold drafts.
- ✗ **DON'T** yank an electrical cables from the mains outlets .
Pulling on a cord can damage the appliance, the plug or the outlet.
- ✓ **DO** make sure all electric cords are tucked away, neat and tidy.
Pets might chew on electrical cables, and people might trip and fall.
- ✓ **SWITCH** off electrical items that are not in regular use at the socket and ensure that when we are away from the house for any length of time that you switch off and unplug electrical items as items left plugged in can be a fire risk and waste energy if left on standby.

Look out for:

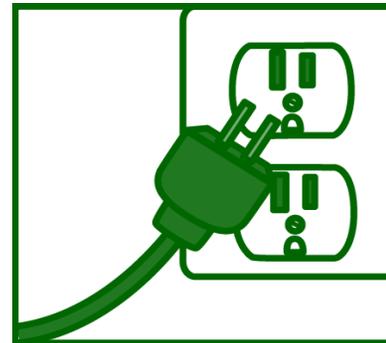
Unattended Match boxes



A burning smell when appliances are switched on



Scorched or cracked plugs and wall sockets



Exposed, loose cables or wires

