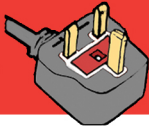
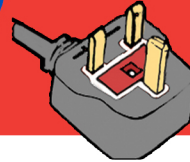


# PRODUCT RECALLS



# ELECTRICAL SAFETY



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On the Electrical Safety Council's website, you will find all you need to know about the dangers that electricity can cause around the home as well as ways you can keep your loved ones and home safe.

Occasionally some electrical items, even if they are new can have problems and may be recalled by the manufacturer.

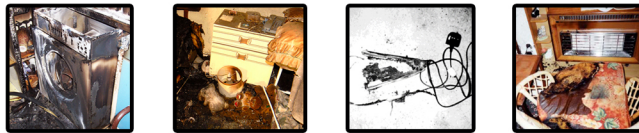
If you're concerned about an electrical item, and it is relatively new, you can check and see if it has been recalled by the supplier.

The following websites are useful for finding out if a product has been recalled.

<http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/safety>

[www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/advice/advice-recall-list.cfm](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/advice/advice-recall-list.cfm)

[www.recalluk.co.uk/latest/recalls.aspx](http://www.recalluk.co.uk/latest/recalls.aspx)




For more information on electrical safety you can visit the electrical safety councils website on:

[www.esc.org.uk](http://www.esc.org.uk)

For more information on fire safety at home you can visit our website or call us free for a FREE home fire safety check.

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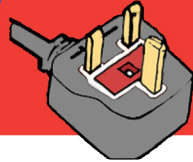
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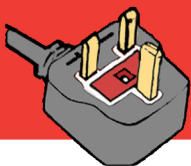
Electrical appliances, plugs and cables that are old or poorly wired can be a real danger.



**JUST BECAUSE THERE'S NO FLAME,  
DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S NO FIRE RISK**

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# ELECTRICAL ITEMS



There are particular danger signs to look out for on all electrical items you have around your home. If you think something needs fixing or changing, do it straight away.



Keep a look out for hot plugs or any scorch marks around the plug on the socket. If you spot any get the item checked by a qualified electrician.

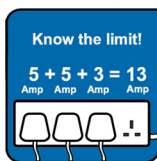
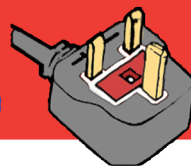


Look out for flickering lights, or the fuse box regularly tripping out. This could be a sign of a problem with the power supply output.



Electrical appliances, especially ones that run at high speeds and contain motors, like washing machines, should be serviced once a year by a qualified electrician.

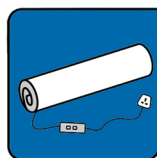
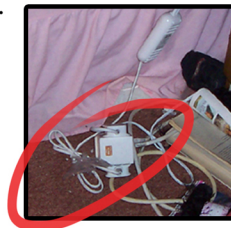
# ELECTRICAL ADVICE



When using plug make sure you know the limit. Often many bar adapters only one 13amp fuse in them.

Its better to use a bar adapter than an old style block adapter.

Check that your plugs are in good working order. There should be no loose wires, and they should be kept tight inside the plug.

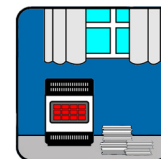


It would be a good idea to have any electric blanket that is over 3 years old tested to ensure its still fit for purpose.

When storing your blanket, avoid folding it as this can cause damage to the elements inside. Rolling your blanket is a much safer option.



Avoid running electrical cables and leads underneath carpets or rugs as unseen wear and damage can occur.

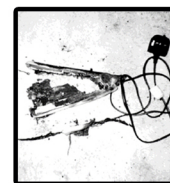


Electrical heaters need to be kept at least one metre away from combustible materials such as paper, clothes etc.

Heaters, kettles, cookers, microwaves, washing machines etc. need to be plugged into a single socket and not through an adapter.



Avoid placing electricals anywhere that they could be easily knocked over or spilt on.



We would always recommend turning off any electricals when they are not needed, but especially at night time. This would include phone chargers which are often tempting to leave on.



If you have an electrical fire and it is safe to do so, you can unplug the item or switch it off at the fuse box.

**NEVER** use water on an electrical fire.

**If not - GET OUT - STAY OUT - CALL 999**