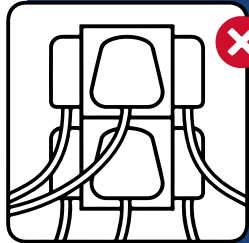


ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY FOR STUDENTS



DON'T overload plug sockets - too many items can draw power from the one socket and can overheat. An extension lead or adaptor will have a limit to how many amps it can take.

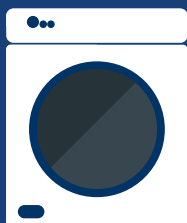
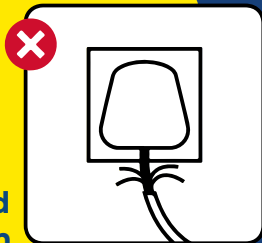
ALWAYS check that you are using the right fuse to prevent overloading.

Check the manual or look for a sticker on the appliance to find out its wattage and then use the correct fuse:

- for appliances up to 700 watts, use a 3 amp fuse
- for appliances between 700 and 1,000 watts, use a 5 amp fuse
- for appliances more than 1,000 watts, use a 13 amp fuse

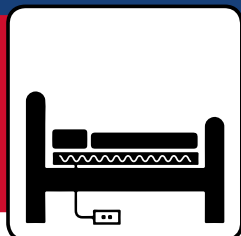
CHECK cables and wires to make sure they are not frayed or damaged. Look for any scorch marks around sockets or plugs. **If wires/cables are damaged or frayed, DO NOT use them.**

Discard any worn or faulty items or appliances. If in doubt, get them checked by a qualified electrician.



NEVER leave appliances like washing machines, dishwashers or tumble dryers on whilst out of the house or overnight. Empty fluff regularly from tumble dryers in line with the manufacturer's instructions.

ELECTRIC BLANKETS should only be used to warm the bed and not left on whilst sleeping.



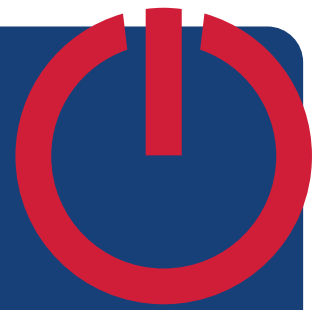
AVOID charging items like laptops, mobile phones or tablets overnight.

Don't put them on soft furnishings, beds and duvets as this increases the chance of them overheating and catching fire.

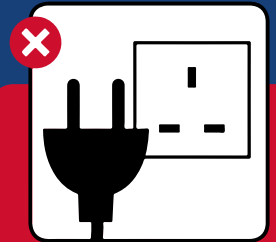
BUY electrical chargers from a reputable source. Don't buy cheap counterfeit chargers.



HAIR STRAIGHTENERS can get extremely hot – always switch them off and leave them to cool completely on a heatproof surface before putting them away.



TURN OFF electrical items overnight that are not designed to be left on.



DO NOT use foreign appliances in UK sockets if they have not been converted for UK use.

CHECK for the British or European safety mark when buying electrical appliances.



TOP TIP: Register your electrical appliances so that manufacturer's can contact you about any repairs or recalls.

NEVER use water on an electrical fire. Pull the plug or switch off the power if it is safe to do so.

GET OUT, STAY OUT & CALL 999.



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