

Fire Safety

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As most fires in the home start accidentally, it's important to carry out a few simple safety checks. By doing so you can:

- Reduce the chances of a fire starting in your home
- Keep yourself, your family and your property safe from fire.

Don't forget, if there is a fire in your home – get out, stay out and call **999** – don't try to tackle the fire yourself.

Follow the checklist to reduce risks:

- **Check all your smoke alarms work**
You are twice as likely to die in a fire if your smoke alarm does not work. If you are not a leaseholder, live in a flat and do not have a smoke alarm please contact our repairs line on **0300 2000 120**. If you live in a house or you are the leaseholder contact your local Fire and Rescue Service and they will install it for you.





- **Turn off and unplug all electrical appliances**

Unless they are designed to be left on, like a freezer

- **Do not leave the washing machine on**

It is an electrical appliance and can potentially start a fire

- **Check your cooker is off**

Gas cookers are harder to notice so double check

- **Turn heaters off**

Put up fireguards too if you have them

- **Put candles, naked flames and cigarettes out properly**

It is much safer to smoke outside. Make sure candles or naked flames are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire – like curtains

- **Make sure exits are kept clear**

In an event of emergency you may trip over storage items within your home and common area

- **Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them**

In case of a fire you do not want to trap anyone inside

- **Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading**

It helps to contain the fire in the room it may have started in

- **Remember to turn those Christmas light off!**

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