



# Electrical safety

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Advice for residents



# What do we do to keep electrical installations safe?

To keep your home as safe as possible, we'll:

- Ensure all installations, maintenance safety checks and electrical repairs are carried out by a qualified electrician. We may use approved contractors at times to carry this out on our behalf.
- Keep a record of all 5 yearly electrical safety checks, this is called an Electrical Installations Condition Report (EICR).

## How to keep your home safe

The main cause of electrical problems at home is mis-using electrical equipment.

Make sure you keep an eye on your appliances every day and do not use anything that looks damaged.



## What precautions do I take?

### Do

- turn off electrical appliances when you've finished using them.
- check cables on appliances and if anything looks worn or loose, don't use it.
- test your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors regularly.
- Defrost your fridge or freezer at least once a year if it isn't a frost-free model
- Charge electrical devices that have batteries such as mobile phones, e-scooter or e-bikes when you are awake and alert. Don't leave batteries charging while you are asleep or away from home.
- check that your microwaves, fridges and freezers have enough space around them.



### Don't

- use water to put out an electrical fire
- let the leads from your kettle, toaster or other kitchen appliances trail across your cooker.
- run the cables from your appliances under carpets or rugs.
- overload your sockets or adapters by plugging in too many appliances into one place.
- leave your washing machine or tumble dryer on when you're out of the house or overnight. Make sure to regularly clean the filters on both appliances.

If your plug sockets feel hot, or you can see burn marks or sparks around them, inform us straight away and don't use them until we've checked them.

