

**Electric blankets**



- Do not fold. Roll or store flat
- Unplug at night - unless thermostatically controlled
- Do not buy second hand
- If your blanket has scorch marks/worn fabric/bare wires/a damaged or buzzing connector - **Replace it!**

**Portable heaters**

- Try to secure heaters against a wall for stability
- Keep heaters clear from curtains and furniture
- Never use heaters for drying clothes

**Furniture**

- Check new furniture complies with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988
- Look for the fire-resistant permanent label



**Cigarettes**



- **Never smoke in bed**
- **Use ashtrays and empty to an outside bin regularly**
- **Use child resistant lighters or matchboxes and keep out of reach of children**
- **Take extra care if you smoke when tired, use medication or have been drinking alcohol - you could fall asleep and cause a fire**



**Stub out properly and dispose of carefully**

**In the event of a fire, don't tackle it yourself.**

**GET OUT  
STAY OUT  
AND CALL  
999**



For further information and advice on any aspect of fire safety in the home please contact our Prevention Team on:

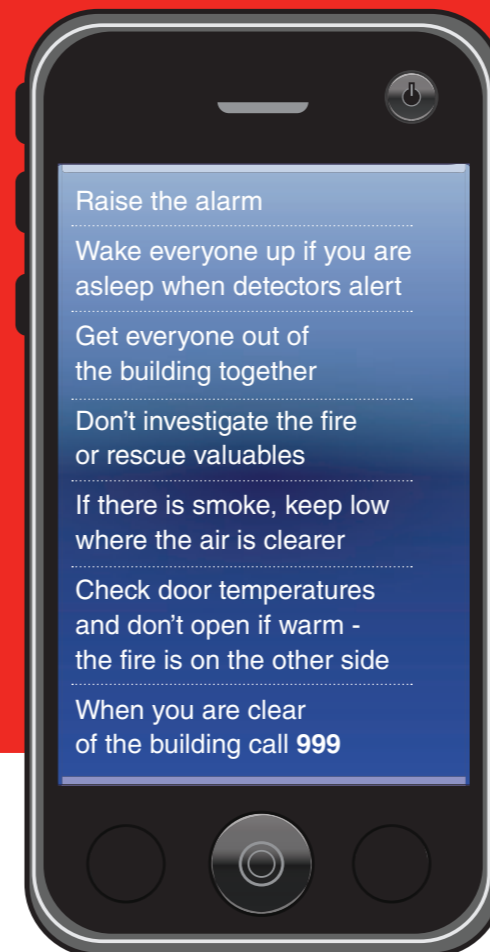
**Tel:** 01473 260588

**Email:** Fire.BusinessSupport@suffolk.gov.uk

You can also get information and advice from our website:  
[www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-safety-in-the-home/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-safety-in-the-home/)



Prevent, Protect, Respond.



Raise the alarm  
Wake everyone up if you are asleep when detectors alert  
Get everyone out of the building together  
Don't investigate the fire or rescue valuables  
If there is smoke, keep low where the air is clearer  
Check door temperatures and don't open if warm - the fire is on the other side  
When you are clear of the building call 999

**Fire safety in your home**

A guide for householders to keep safe from fire



**Smoke Alarms**

- Fit a smoke alarm on every floor of your home, ideally on ceilings in the hallway or landing
- Don't put a smoke alarm in the kitchen where it can be set off accidentally
- Test the batteries once a week. Long life smoke alarms are available



**Remember: Test it, change it, replace it**

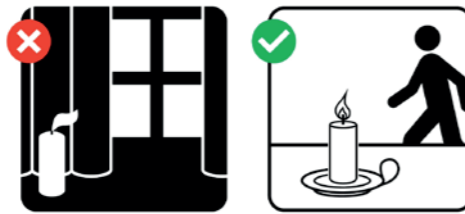


## Be prepared

- Plan your escape routes and keep exits clear
- The best route is the usual way in and out of your home
- Get everyone to practice your escape plan
- Keep door and window keys handy - tell members of your household where they are



## Candles



Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire - like curtains.

- Put candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night
- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put out candles. It's safer than blowing them out when sparks can fly
- Children and pets shouldn't be left alone with lit candles

**Take care with hot oil as it can easily set alight**



## How to prevent common fires in the kitchen

- Do not leave cooking unattended - take pans off the heat
- Take care when wearing loose clothing - it can easily catch fire
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels, and cloths away from oven or hob
- Spark devices are safer than matches or lighters to light gas cookers
- Switch off oven or hob when you have finished cooking
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen
- If you deep fry food, consider buying a thermostatically controlled electric deep fat fryer

**Do not tackle pan fires: get out, stay out and call 999**

- 1 Never throw water over it
- 2 Turn off the heat if possible
- 3 Do not move the pan

## Bedtime checklist

- Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on - like your freezer
- Check your cooker is turned off
- Don't leave the washing machine on
- Turn heaters off and put up fireguards
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly
- Make sure exits are kept clear
- Agree your escape plan with overnight guests

**You are more at risk from fire when asleep**

## Electrical safety

- Don't overload sockets - keep to one plug per socket
- Unplug appliances when not in use or when you go to bed
- Always use the correct fuse
- Check and replace old cables and leads
- Do not place cables under carpets and mats

Know the limit!

$$5 + 5 + 3 = 13$$

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## Lights

- Keep curtains and other fabrics away from light bulbs
- Do not exceed the maximum wattage on shades or fittings

**Check electrical appliances for signs of:**

- Loose wiring
- Scorch marks
- Hot plugs and sockets
- Fuses that blow
- Circuit-breakers that trip
- Flickering lights

Use the list above to safety check your electrical appliances.

**Register my appliance**

Improve your home safety by taking the simple step of registering your fridges, freezers & washing machines at [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk)

**Keep all electrical appliances clean and in good working order**

## If your clothes catch on fire

# Stop, drop and roll



Stop!



Drop!



Roll!

- 1 Don't run
- 2 Lie down and roll around
- 3 Smother flames using a heavy material like a coat or blanket