

# **Fire Safety Advice for your home.**

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# Fire Safety in the Home

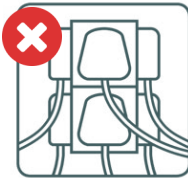
Almost all fires at home are preventable if you know what to avoid and what to be aware of.

## What to avoid



### SMOKING

Never smoke in bed or in a chair if you think you may doze. Never leave a lit cigarette unattended. At night, ensure that cigarettes are extinguished.



### ELECTRICITY

Don't overload sockets and make sure you use correct fuses. Don't dry clothes close to electric heaters.



### CANDLES

Choose metal candle holders, avoid placing them on plastic surfaces or near soft furnishings and never leave candles unattended



### NAKED FLAMES

Never let children play with matches or lighters and keep them out of site.



### DEEP FAT FRYING

Do not use an open chip pan. Make sure food is dry before putting into hot oil. If oil smokes, it is too hot. Never throw water onto hot / burning oil.

# Things to be aware of

## **ALCOHOL**

Half of those who have lost their lives in house fires have consumed alcohol. Take extra care if you have consumed any alcohol. Do not start cooking or frying food at night.

## **COOKING**

Keep towels and cloths away from the cooker. Check the cooker is off when you have finished using it. Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and free from grease.

## **CLOTHES**

If your clothes catch fire, lie down and roll around. Remember: Stop! Drop! Roll!

## **SAFETY CHECKS**

Make sure you have a fire safety routine at night to help keep you and your family safe. Switch off and unplug electrical appliances and portable heaters. Close doors and check that keys to doors and window locks are easily available. Smokers - make sure the content of ashtrays are cold when emptying. Check furnishings where people have been smoking.

## **APARTMENTS**

If you live in apartments and the fire alarm sounds, you cannot use the lift. You must evacuate the building using the stairs. Risk Assessments are carried out regularly at apartment properties. Tenants must follow all instruction and advice which follows each risk assessment, including the removal of items in corridors which are a fire risk.

In the event of fire: **GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL NIFRS**

Emergency Services contact numbers

### **Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service**

EMERGENCY? call 999

Non emergency, call 028 9266 4221 [www.nifrs.org](http://www.nifrs.org)

### **Police Service of Northern Ireland**

EMERGENCY? call 999

Non emergency, call 101 [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

### **Northern Ireland Ambulance Service**

EMERGENCY? call 999

Non emergency, call 028 7134 7134 [www.niamb.co.uk](http://www.niamb.co.uk)

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