

Prevent a fire

 <p>Never smoke in bed.</p> 	 <p>Put cigarettes out. Dispose of smoking materials safely.</p> 	 <p>Don't use candles by curtains / furniture. Never leave them burning and go out.</p> 	 <p>Put candles on a level surface away from open windows.</p> 	 <p>Avoid using chip pans. Grilling or electric fryers are safer and healthier. Never leave small children alone in the kitchen.</p> 	 <p>Take pans off the heat, so they don't burn or boil dry if you leave the kitchen</p> 	 <p>Don't store compressed gases inside your property.</p> 
 <p>Test your smoke alarm weekly by pressing the test button. Every month run your vacuum over the head to remove dust. Call the repairs contact centre if your detector 'beeps' every 30 seconds. This means the battery needs changing.</p> 	 <p>Don't overload plug sockets.</p> 	 <p>Turn electric appliances off at the wall before going to bed. Don't leave the TV on standby.</p> 	 <p>Don't dry clothes on electric wall heaters. Don't put furniture up against heaters / radiators or close to fires.</p> 	 <p>Keep communal areas and staircases free of storage.</p> 	 <p>Know where your front door or window keys are if you need to leave quickly. Close all the internal doors in your home when going to bed.</p> 	 <p>Don't leave bulk items or refuse in communal areas, riser cupboards, on balconies or secondary means of escape routes.</p> 

Want more information or advice?

Contact the London Fire Brigade on 0800 284 428 (freephone) and request a home fire safety visit.