

# Fire safety tips

Here are some simple steps you can take to prevent a fire from happening – keeping you and your loved ones safe.



Regularly check that smoke and heat detectors work. Change the batteries at least once a year. Don't remove any detectors from your home.



Only use one plug per socket.



Check regularly if any electrical cables or appliances are damaged and replace immediately if needed.



Keep automatic closers on doors and keep fire doors closed.



Always keep an eye on pans when cooking and make sure things like tea towels, kitchen roll and loose clothing are kept well away from the hob.



Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good working order.



Only put non-metallic items in the microwave – foil and metal will spark.



Be careful when frying food. Only fill pans up to one third with oil and if the oil starts to smoke, it means it is too hot – turn off the heat and leave it to cool.



If there is a hot fat fire – turn off the heat, if it's safe to do so. Leave the kitchen and call 999. Never use water to try and put it out.



Keep electric heaters or fires away from curtains and furniture, and never use them to dry clothes. Always turn them off when you go to bed or when you go out.



Make sure cigarettes and candles are extinguished properly and safely disposed of. Never smoke in bed.



Close all internal doors and switch off all appliances before going to bed.



Keep barbecues, fire pits, chimeneas and outside heaters off balconies – these should never be used.