

Did you know that in 2016-2017 there were over 400 electrical fires in Welsh homes?

Tips on how to improve electrical safety at home:

- Check that you have RCD protection in your fusebox
- Make sure that your plug sockets are not overloaded. Electrical Safety First has developed an online "socket calculator" to help you to check that yours are safe. Use Electrical Safety First's socket calculator to see if you're overloading your sockets.
- Ensure that plugs and sockets are not damaged
- Check that visible cables and leads are in good condition
- Check that your light fittings are not visibly damaged and that down lighters are in good working condition
- Check that you are not storing combustible materials around your fuse box, electricity meter or electrical intake
- Don't use the top of the microwave for extra storage
- Never trail cables under carpets or rugs
- Never take mains-powered electrical items into the bathroom
- Always switch off your electrical items when they are not in use
- Don't use electrical gardening equipment outdoors until it is dry



**For more information visit www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk
and www.registermyappliance.org.uk**

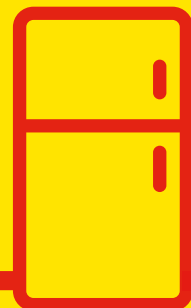


Last year in Wales (2016-17), there were **1,248 electrical fires out of a total of 1,719** accidental domestic fires. Electricity can cause fires and can kill. Here are some top tips to help keep yourself safer in your home:

- Make sure that you register the electrical products in your home. That way, the manufacturer can contact you if there is a problem. Electrical Safety First has an online tool that you can use to check whether any of the products in your home have been recalled. (www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/recall)
- Most people have extension leads in their homes, using 4-way bar adaptors to increase the number of appliances they can plug into a wall socket. However, although there is space to plug in four appliances, this doesn't mean it's safe to do so. Make sure that your plug sockets are not overloaded by visiting www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/socketcalculator
- If you need to carry out electrical work in your home, use a Registered Electrician. This is a legal requirement for any electrical installation work. Find out more at www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/findanelectrician
- In Wales, three fires each week are caused by white goods, such as dishwashers and fridge-freezers. Electrical Safety First has developed a microsite with tips to help people use these appliances safely. Visit www.whitegoodsafety.com to find out more.



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E-Cigarette and mobile phone charging

- Follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer carefully
- Heed any warnings supplied with the product
- Ensure that mobile phones, tablets and e-cigarettes are not left charging for long periods of time
- Do not leave mobile phones, tablets and e-cigarettes plugged in unsupervised, overnight or whilst you are out of the house
- Look for the CE mark that indicates chargers comply with European Safety standards

For more information visit your local Fire Service website or www.firesafetyfirst.org.uk.

