



Reduce Fire Risk in Your Home and the Homes Of Others

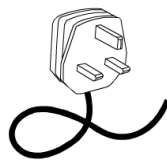


Smoke Alarm

At least one working smoke alarm should be fitted on each level of your home.

Test your alarms every week.

If you can't reach, get someone to help or use a broom handle or a stick.



Electrical Appliances

Switch off appliances at night unless they are designed to be left on like fridges or freezers.

Do not over-charge devices and always unplug them before going to bed at night.

Make sure power leads are not frayed or damaged.



Open Fires & Heaters

Keep materials that could catch fire, such as clothing or furniture, a safe distance from any heat source.

Position heaters safely so they can't be knocked over.

Never dry clothes in front of portable heaters or open fires.



Cooking

Make sure the cooker or hob is turned off when you have finished cooking.

Never leave cooking unattended.

Keep the oven and grill pan free from a build-up of oils and grease.



Smoking

Never smoke in bed.

Avoid smoking if you are tired, have consumed alcohol or taken medication that makes you drowsy.

Extinguish cigarettes properly and empty ashtrays safely.

Reduce fire risk by stopping smoking or limiting smoking to outside.



Fire Escape Plan

Keep all hallways and stairs clear from obstruction.

Always know where your keys are.

Always have a method of raising the alarm.

A Home Fire Safety Check can help you and others with your escape plan.

For further information, or to get a Home Fire Safety Check for you or anyone you visit, phone Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service on 028 9266 4221 or visit www.nifrs.org