



## A guide to home fire safety

### Preventing Fire

To prevent a fire starting in your home:

- Keep matches safe
- Don't smoke in bed
- Don't sit too close to a fire
- Don't overload electrical sockets
- Don't overfill pans and deep fat fryers. If the oil catches light-  
**Turn off the heat and throw a damp tea towel on it.**

### Bedtime Routine

- Check all electrical appliances are switched off/unplugged
- Switch off electric blankets when in bed
- Have electric blankets checked regularly

### Escaping from fires in flats and maisonettes

If you live in a flat or maisonette please follow this extra advice:

- Flats and maisonettes are built to give you some protection from fire
- If there's a fire elsewhere in the building, you're usually safer staying in your flat unless heat or smoke is affecting you
- If there is a fire in your flat, leave, closing the door to your flat behind you. Bang on doors on your way out to alert others
- If there is a lift in your building, **do not use it if there is a fire**, go down the stairs instead
- Call 999 from any phone. Give them the address including the number of your flat and tell them which floor the fire is on

### Remember

**Get everyone out as soon as possible and dial 999**