

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service



## Electrical

If it's electric, be safe and check it.

Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed appliances, portable appliances, power boards and extension leads.

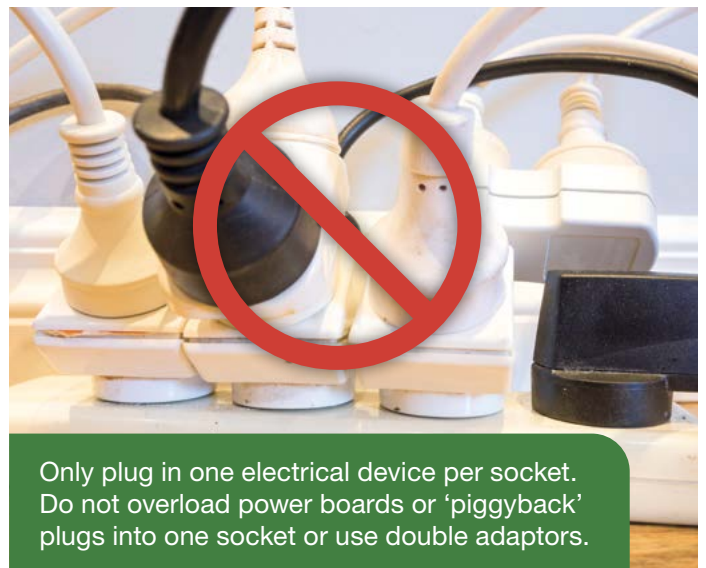
- **Replace** damaged plugs and leads.
- **Use** power boards with **overload protection**.
- **Never** handle electrical equipment with wet hands.
- **Switch off and unplug** appliances when not in use.
- **Don't** use faulty electrical equipment until it has been repaired.
- **Don't** place extension leads under carpets or furniture.



- **Install** an earth leakage circuit breaker.
- **Check** electrical wiring and switches regularly, **especially** in older homes. Anything more than a visual check must be done by a licensed electrician.



Ensure electrical appliances such as hair dryers and hair straighteners are not left on surfaces that can burn.



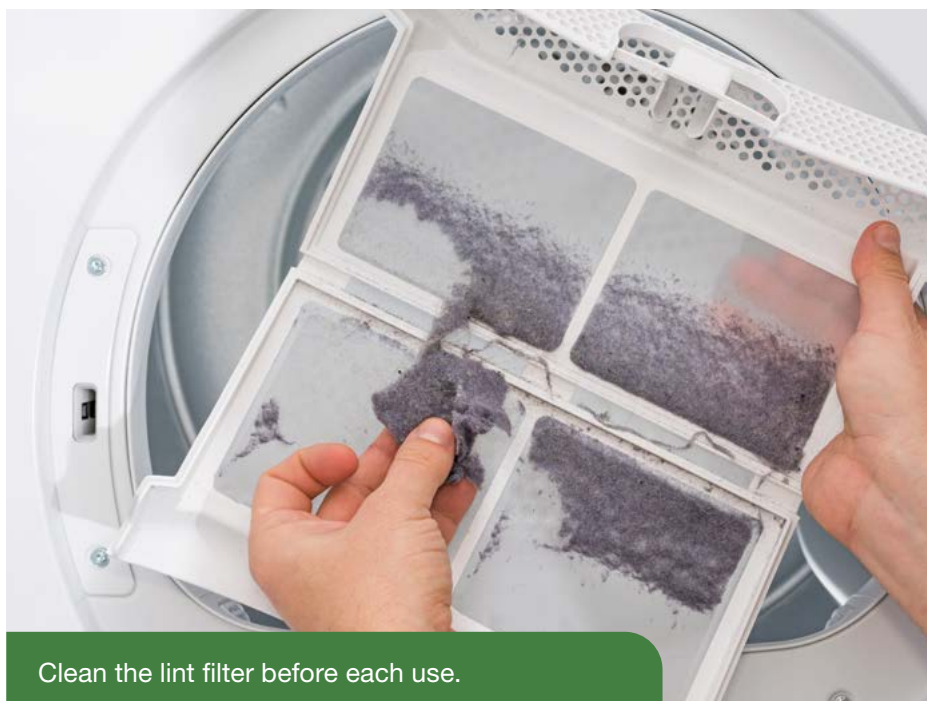
Only plug in one electrical device per socket. Do not overload power boards or 'piggyback' plugs into one socket or use double adaptors.



If an electrical cord is damaged or wires are exposed, **DO NOT** use the appliance. Replace it or have it repaired.

## Hot tips

- 🔥 All electrical equipment should have an Australian Standard or a Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM).
- 🔥 Make sure power boards have overload protection and are not covered by rugs, clothing, pillows or doonas.
- 🔥 It is important to maintain good airflow around electrical items and appliances and remove anything from around or on top of them.
- 🔥 **DO NOT** charge electrical devices on beds or flammable surfaces.



Clean the lint filter before each use.

## Laundry

- Always let the clothes dryer complete its **full cycle** including the cool cycle.
- **Clean** the lint filters in clothes dryers before each use.
- **Ventilate** dryers adequately.

**Only use certified electrical tradespeople to repair damaged or faulty electrical appliances, wiring or equipment.**

