

# Visual Guide to Home Fire Safety



Tasmania Fire Service

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## Avoid fire risks at home

An initiative of the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania and the Tasmania Fire Service

# In an emergency



If you have an emergency phone Triple Zero (000).

## National Relay Service

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, you can contact emergency services through the National Relay Service.

- SMS relay: 0423 677 767 ask for 000
- Chat: [nrschat.nrscall.gov.au](https://nrschat.nrscall.gov.au)
- Captions: [nrscaptions.nrscall.gov.au](https://nrscaptions.nrscall.gov.au)
- Video relay: skype NRS ask for 000
- TTY: dial 106

Learn more: [accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs/how-to-make-an-emergency-call-using-the-nrs](https://accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs/how-to-make-an-emergency-call-using-the-nrs)



# What to do in a fire

Make sure you can get out of your house if there is a fire.



If there is a fire in your house, crawl low and get out.



Get out and stay out.



Never go back inside!

# Smoke alarms



Test your smoke alarm monthly.



Vacuum and dust alarms every six (6) months.



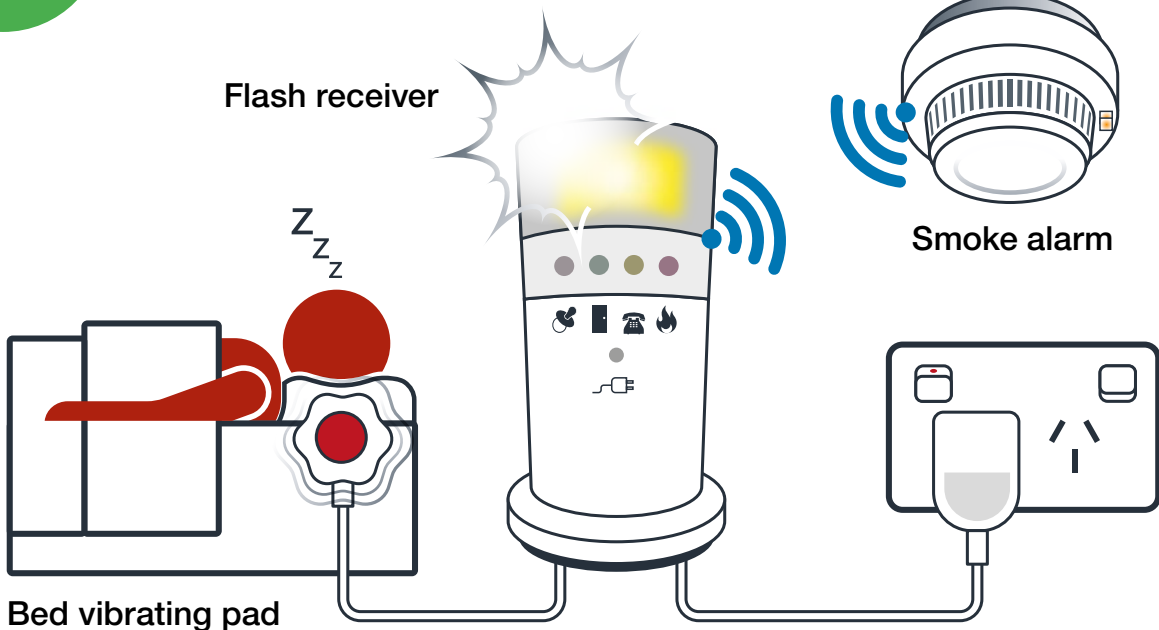
If your smoke alarm has a battery, change it once a year.

- For hard wired smoke alarms change your back-up battery once a year.
- Check the expiry date of your lithium battery smoke alarm every year.



Smoke alarms are available for the deaf and hard of hearing. Contact Expression Australia:  
Phone/TTY: 03 6228 1955, [www.expression.com.au](http://www.expression.com.au)  
Email: [infotas@expression.com.au](mailto:infotas@expression.com.au)

Flash receiver



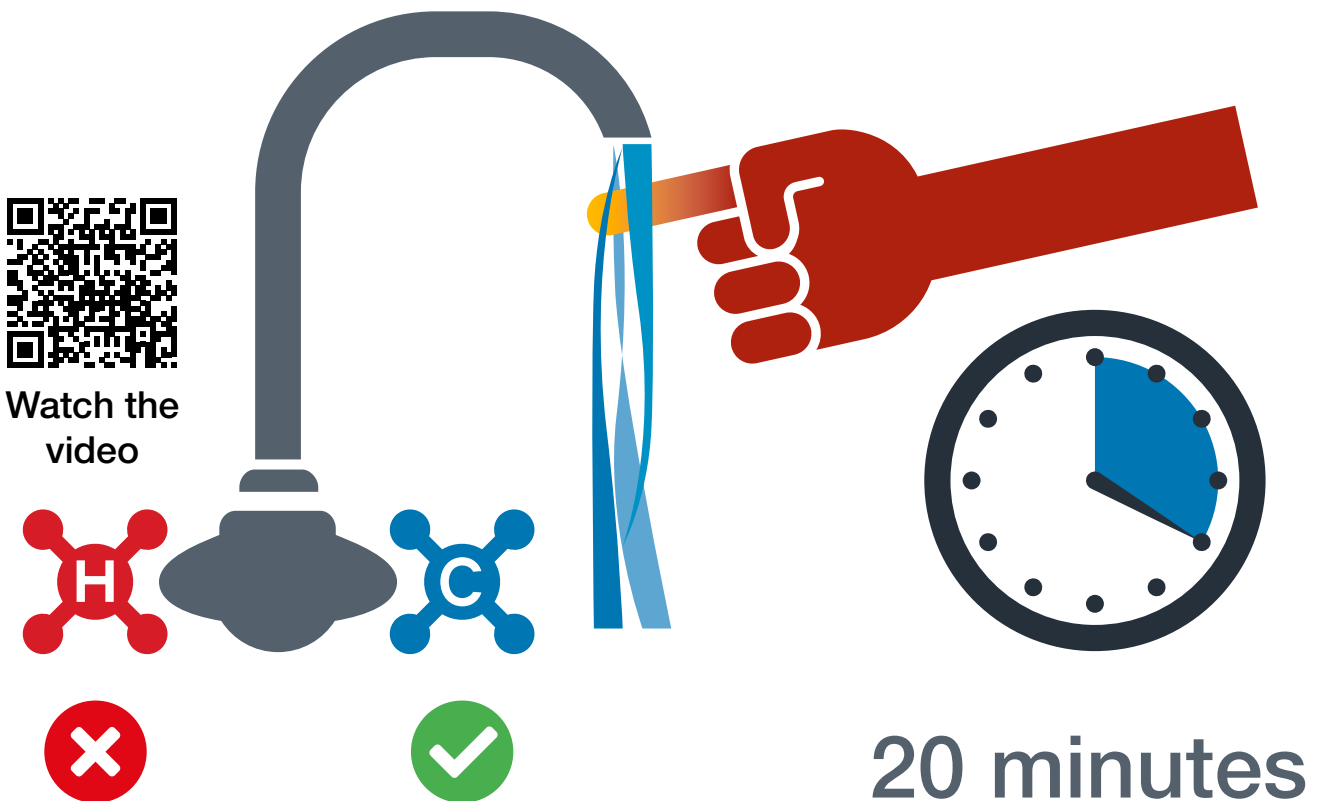
Bed vibrating pad

Smoke alarm

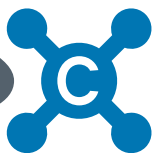
# Fire safety



Keep lighters and matches away from children.



Watch the video



20 minutes

Cool a burn under gentle cool running water.

# Escape plan



## Make a plan in case of fire



Recommended Smoke Alarm locations.

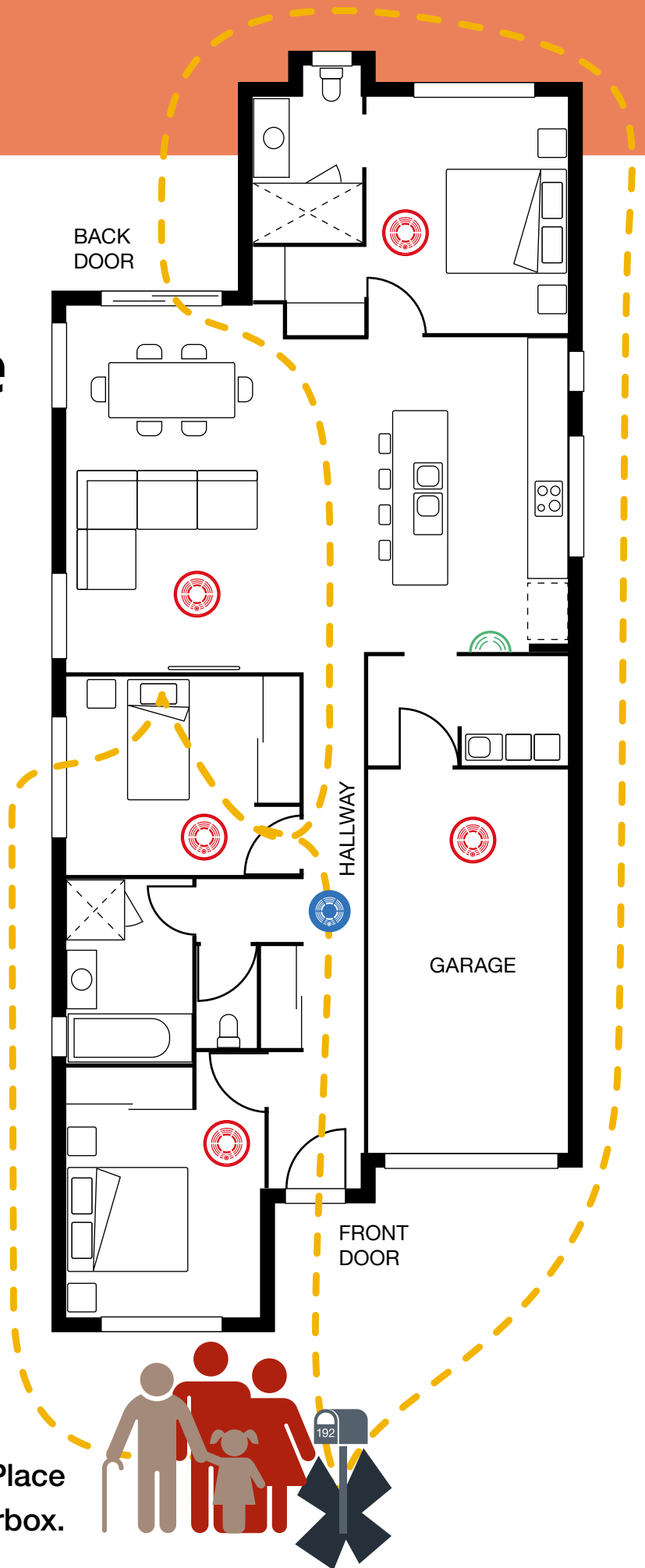


Smoke Alarm locations required by law.



Carbon Monoxide Alarms, recommended for homes using:

- gas for cooking or heating
- wood or pellet fires.



# Cooking



Stay with cooking.



Never leave cooking.

# Cooking



Do not use portable stoves inside.



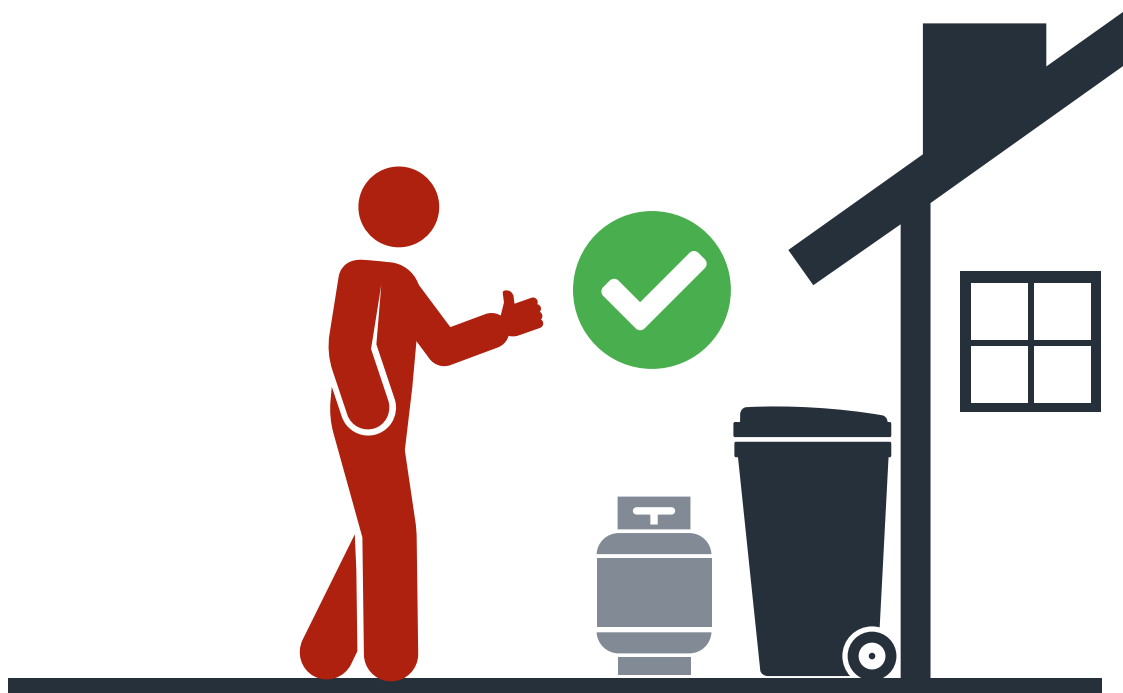
Only use gas cookers and gas bottles outside.



# Cooking

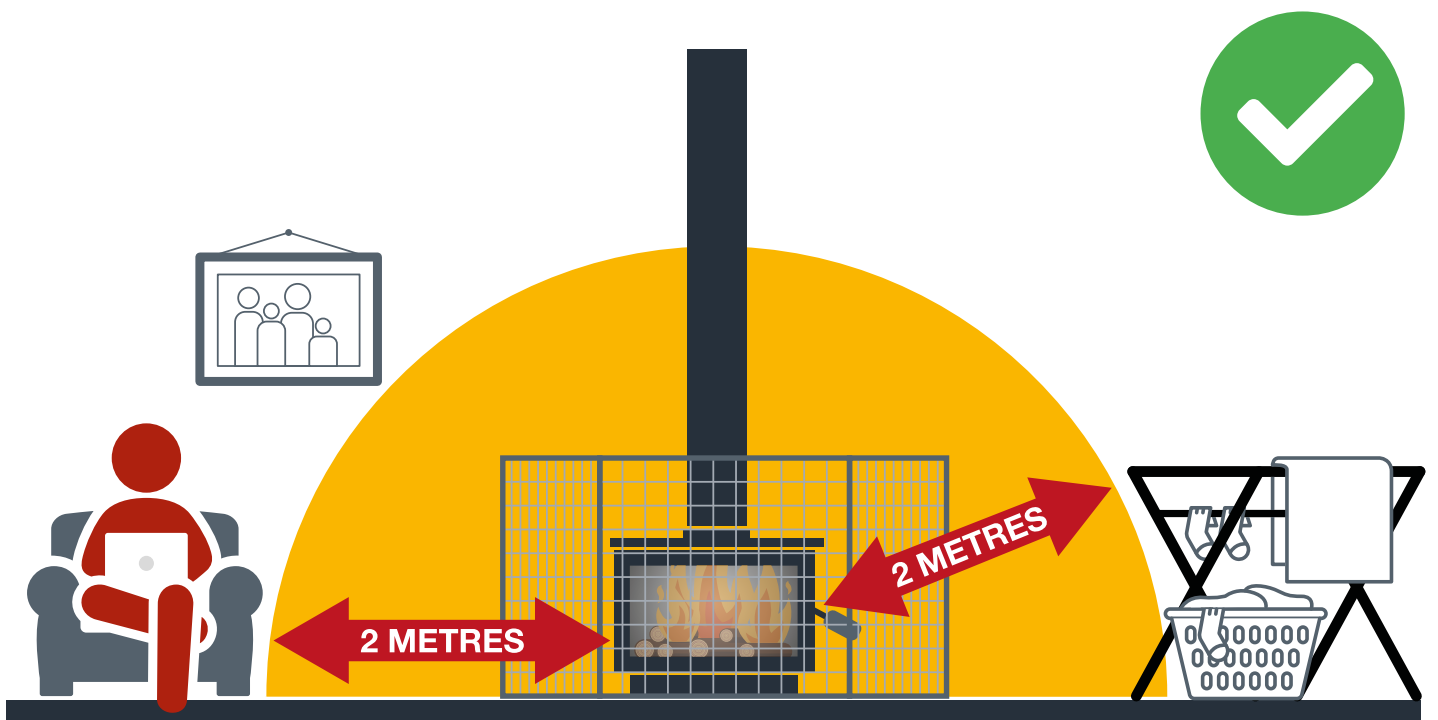


Do not store or use gas bottles inside.

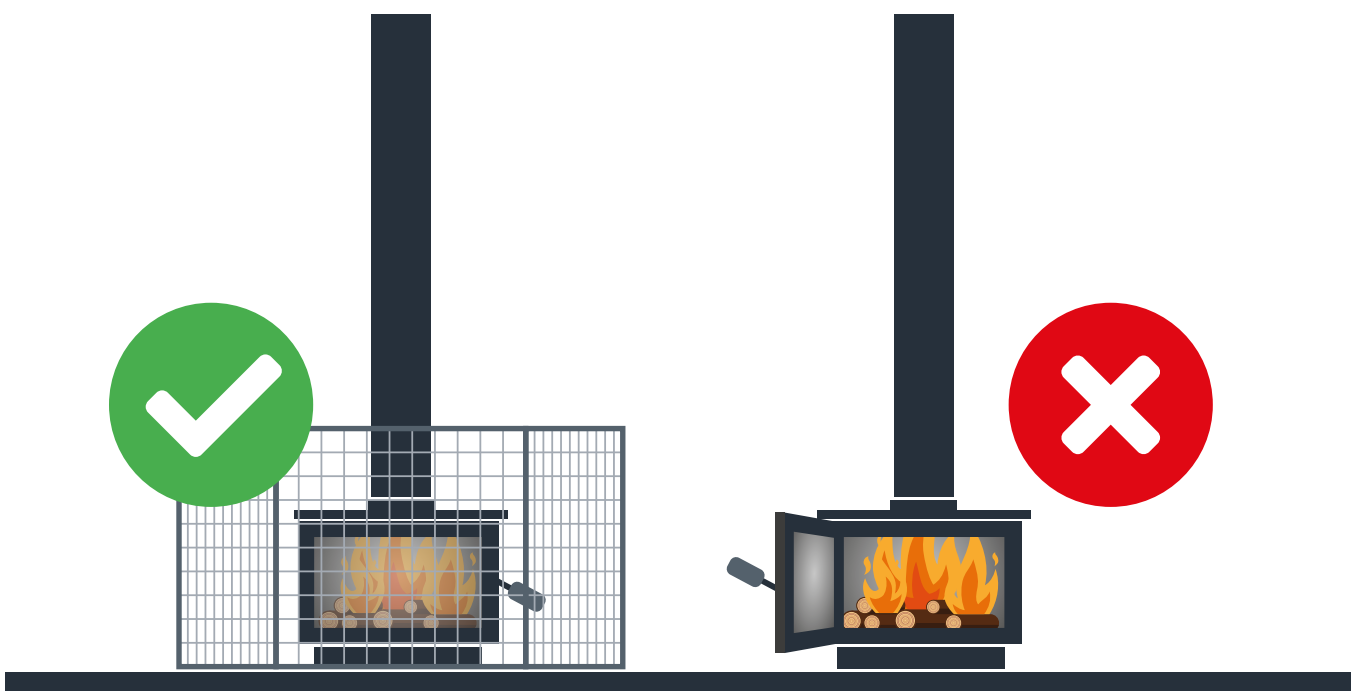


Store gas bottles outside.

# Fires and heaters



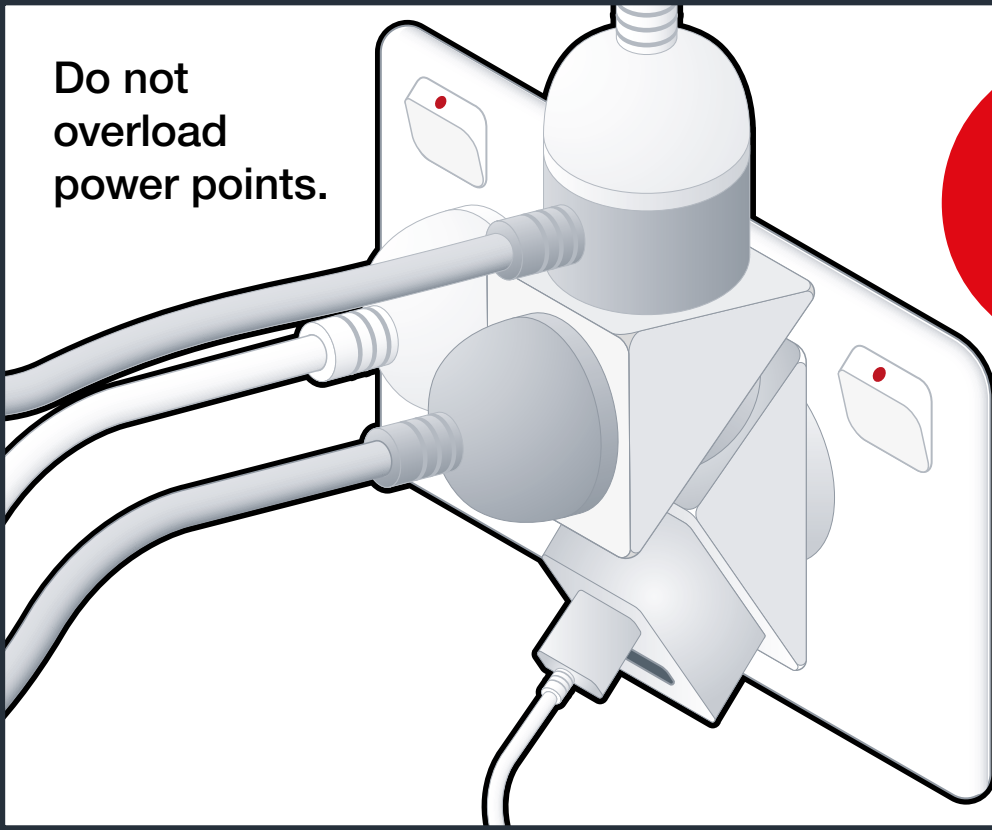
Keep everything 2 metres from the heater. That's at least 2 big steps.



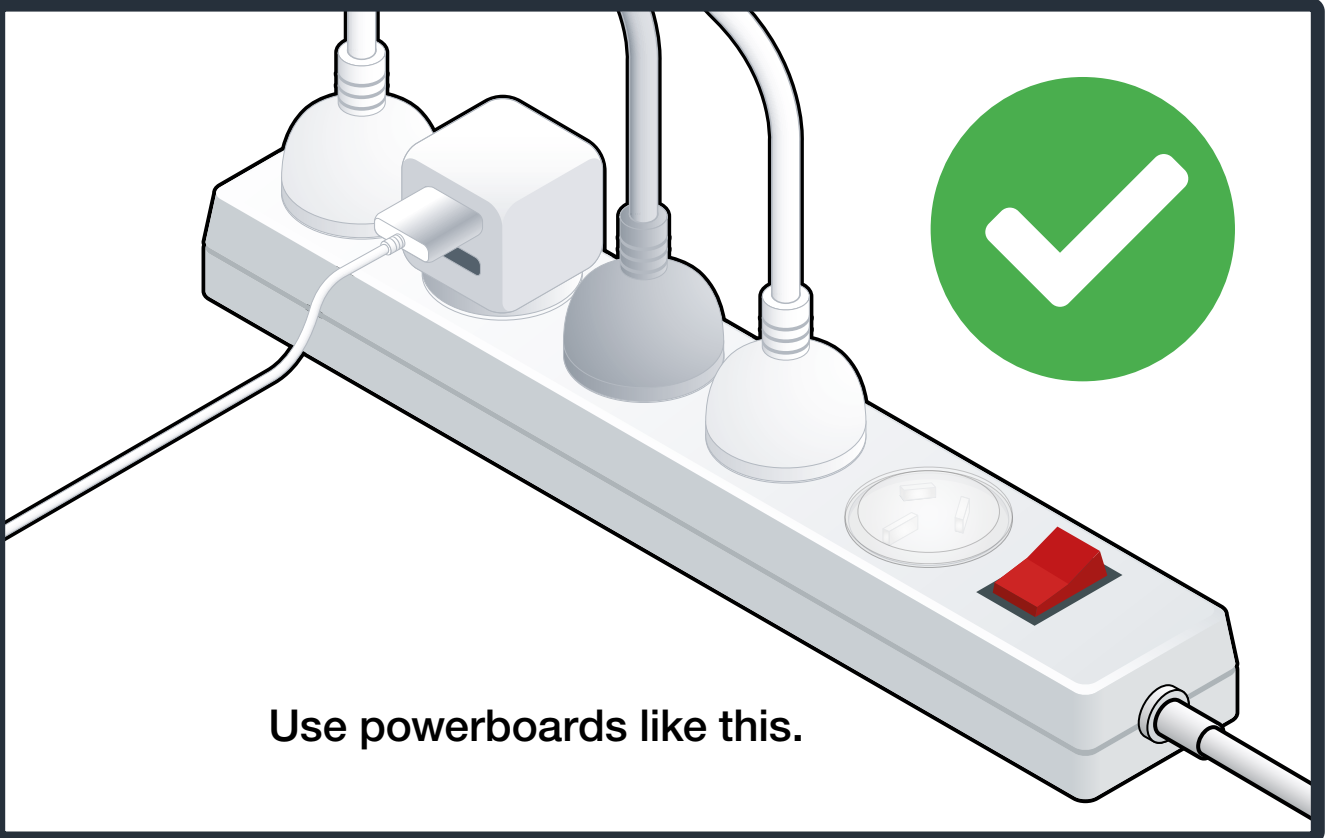
Protect fires with a guard and never leave the door open.

# Electricity

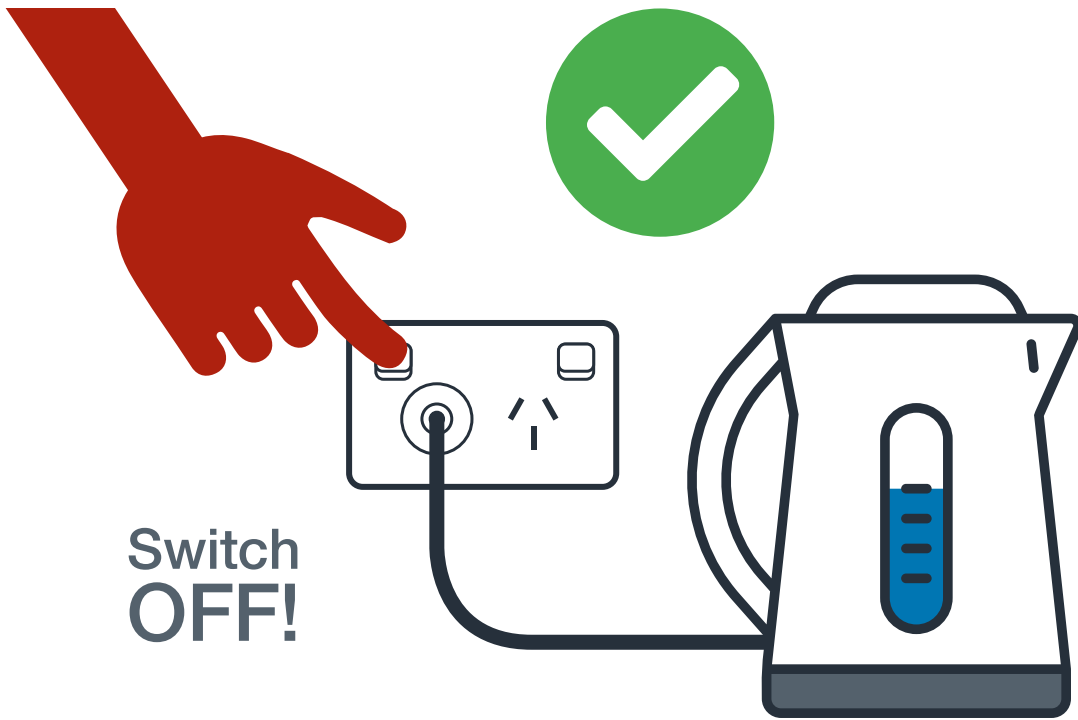
Do not overload power points.



Use powerboards like this.



# Electricity



Turn off electrical items at the power point.



Check electric blankets and turn them off when going to bed.

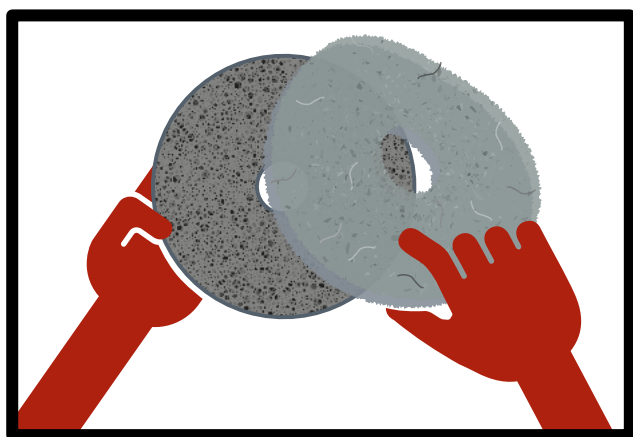
# Electricity



Blocked or full lint filters can cause dryers to overheat and start fires.

Check the lint filter in dryers after every use to prevent fires.

Always let a dryer finish its full cycle.

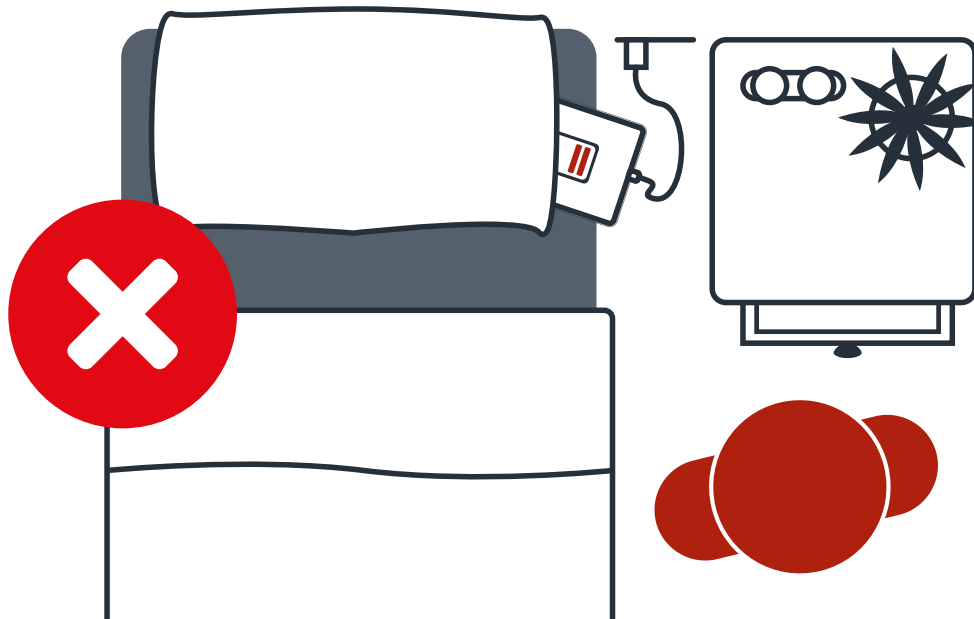


Clean lint from the filter.

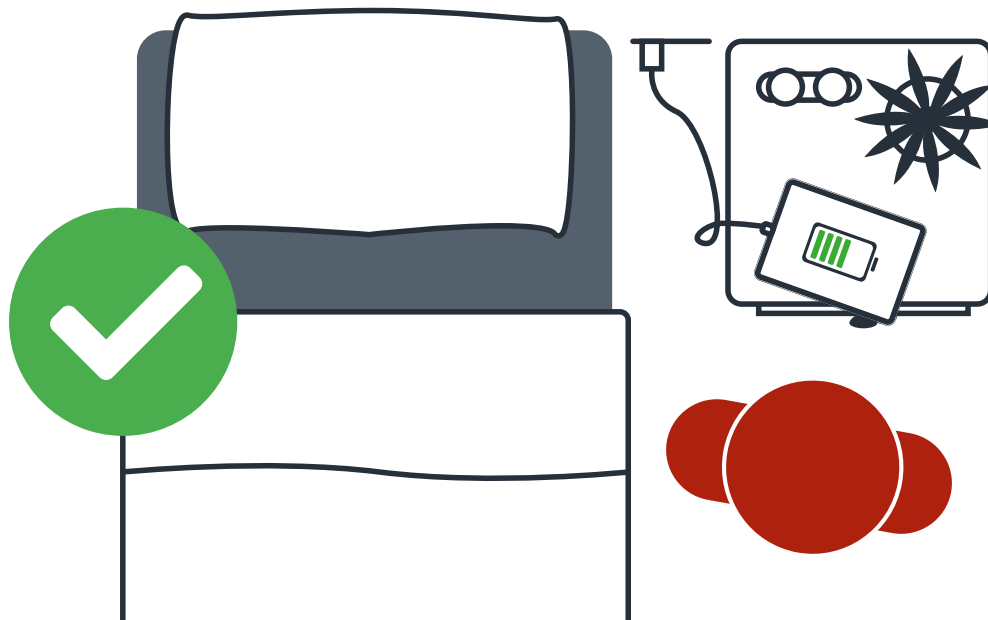


Dispose of the lint properly.

# Lithium-ion batteries

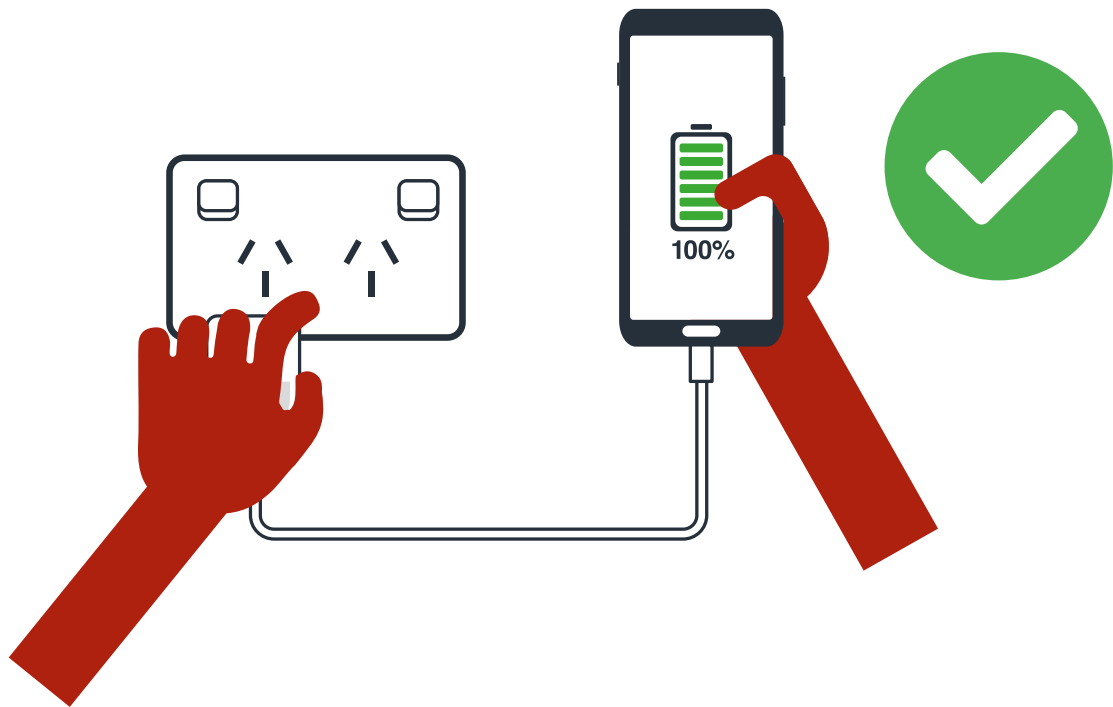


Do not charge phones, laptops and other devices on beds, couches or under pillows.



Charge devices on a hard surface away from things that might catch on fire.

# Lithium-ion batteries



Unplug a charger when the battery is fully charged (100%).

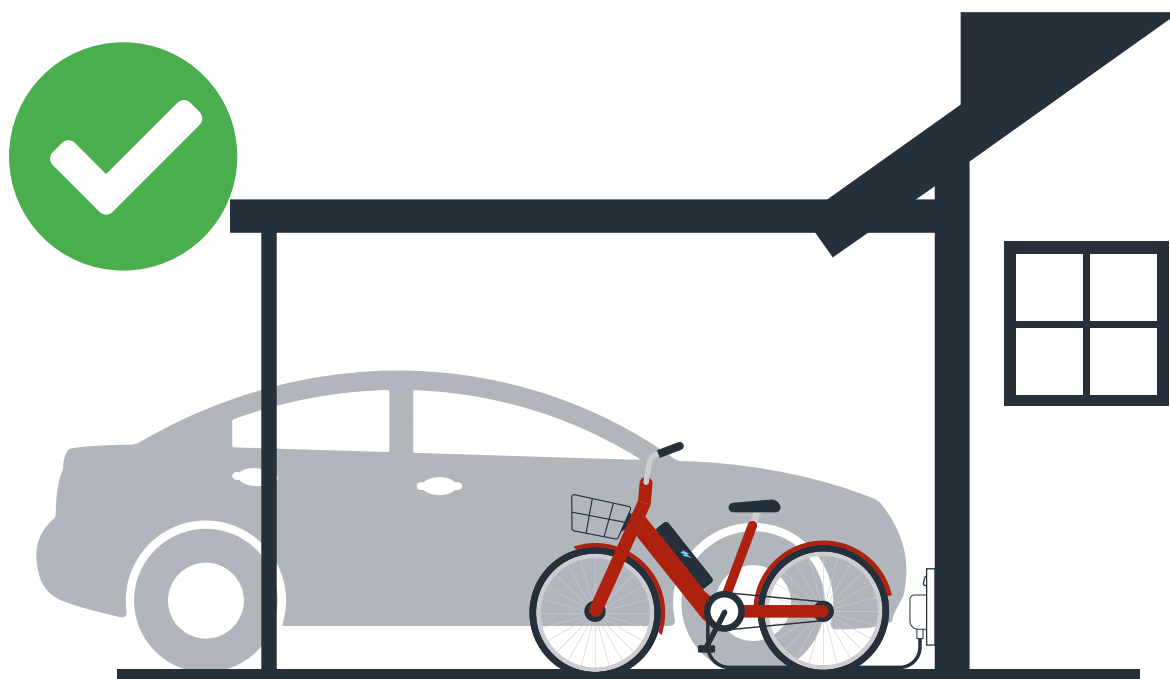


Do not leave batteries charging overnight or when you are not home.

# Lithium-ion batteries



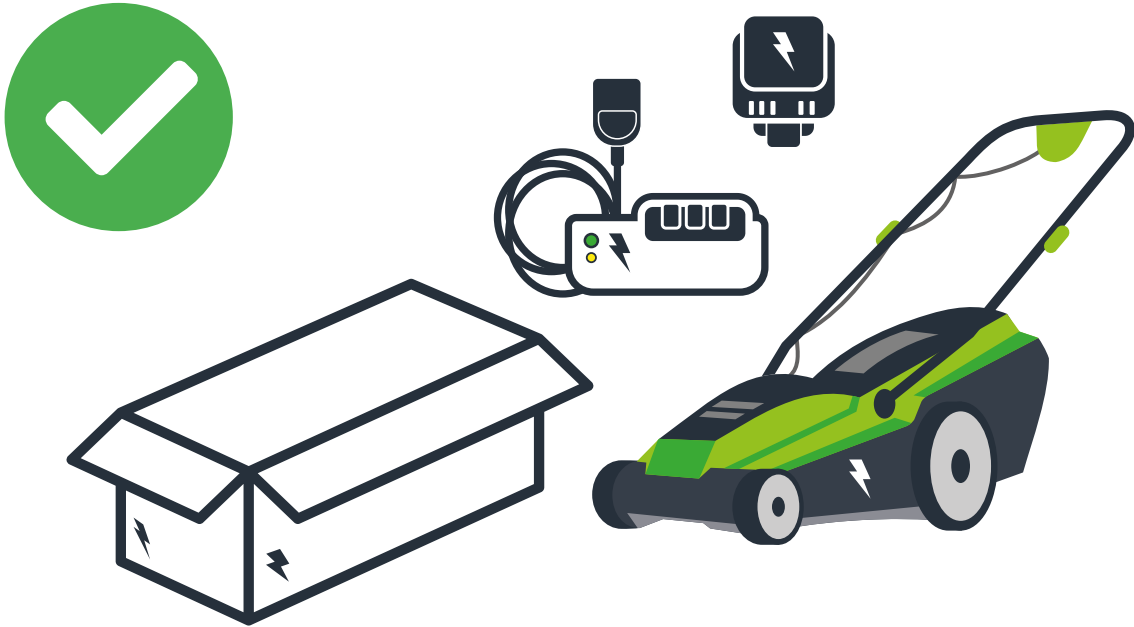
Do not charge e-bikes, e-scooters, and mobility devices inside the house.



Charge e-bikes, e-scooters and mobility devices undercover outside where possible.



# Lithium-ion batteries



Always use the charger that came with the battery or device.  
If you need to replace the charger, seek advice.



Have a working smoke alarm in places where batteries are  
charged and stored, such as garages or sheds.

# Smoking

Ensure cigarette butts are out.



Do not smoke in bed.



# Candles and incense



Never leave burning candles or incense unattended.





To contact the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania:

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www.mrctas.org.au



Fire Incidents and Warnings:

TasALERT.com  

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