

COMMON HOME FIRES

HELP US HELP YOU BY TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY STAY SAFE. IF YOU DO YOUR BIT TO MINIMISE THE RISKS IN YOUR HOME, WE CAN ALL STAY SAFER TOGETHER.



PREVENT DRYER FIRES



Clean your lint filter before or after each use.
Ensure there's adequate air flow around your dryer.
Don't leave the dryer on when you're not home.

PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRES

DON'T

- ✗ Overload powerpoints and powerboards.
- ✗ Use faulty electrical leads or appliances.

DO

- ✓ Regularly check electrical leads for damage and faults.
- ✓ Store your electric blanket safely – roll don't fold.
- ✓ Before going to bed, turn off all electrical appliances at the powerpoint.
- ✓ Turn off electric blankets and heaters when you're not at home and before getting into bed.



PREVENT FIRES FROM HEATERS & OPEN FIRES



Keep everything one metre away from your heater.



Install and use as per manufacturer's instructions.



If you suspect a fault, have the heater serviced or replaced.



Always supervise young children in rooms with open fires or working heaters.



Ensure flues and chimneys are regularly cleaned.



Strong fire screens should be set up in front of open fires.



Never use wheat bags in bed.



PREVENT FIRES FROM CIGARETTES & CANDLES



Keep candles well away from curtains with open windows and put them out when you leave the room.



Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.



An adult should be present at all times when a candle is being used.



Extinguish cigarettes properly before disposal.



Never smoke in bed. It's extremely dangerous.



Only use child-proof lighters and deep ashtrays.