

# Fire Blankets

## A GUIDE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS



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Fire blankets can be used by building occupants (employees or visitors) to put out cooking fat fires. They can also be used to wrap around individuals if their clothes catch fire.

Victorian Fire Services recommend that you only use a fire blanket if you feel physically and mentally able to use this equipment safely.

**Always call 000 and ask for FIRE after using a fire blanket – even if the fire has been extinguished.**

### Fire Blanket Checklist

- Is the fire blanket in a location that is always accessible?
- Are the operating instructions clear and legible?
- Is the fire blanket mounted correctly?
- Is the fire blanket maintained correctly and provided with a maintenance tag?
- Have all staff been trained in the proper use of fire blankets?

#### Further information

Comprehensive guidelines can be found in **AS 2444 - Portable Fire Extinguishers and Fire Blankets**.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact CFA's Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) Hotline on **1300 363 661**



**Watch this Instructional Video:  
How to use a fire blanket.**

### What is a fire blanket?

A fire blanket consists of a piece of fire-resistant fabric, usually woven glass fiber.

Fire blankets must meet the **Australian Standard AS/NZS 3504:2006\***. It must measure at least 1 metre x 1 metre.

### Where to store a fire blanket?

A fire blanket should be easily and quickly accessible. Fire blankets are often mounted in kitchen areas where small cooking fires may occur.

Do not place them near the stove or cooking area, as a stove top fire may prevent you from accessing it. Instead, mount the fire blanket near the doorway to the kitchen. This will allow you to exit the area if the fire escalates.

### Is the fire blanket maintained correctly and provided with a maintenance tag?

Fire blankets must have a maintenance tag to indicate that servicing has been completed and that it is maintained as per **Australian Standard 1851\* – Maintenance of Fire Safety Systems & Equipment** requirements.

Fire Blankets must be replaced after use.

\* current Australian Standards as amended from time to time