



Electrical appliances including double adaptors, power boards and extension cords are an increasing cause of fires in the home. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using any electrical appliance.

Using damaged electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire. Only use appliances in good working order.

Appliances

- Ensure monitors, laptops, televisions and other equipment have good air flow around them and are not in confined spaces or covered
- Turn off all electrical appliances at the power point when not in use
- Use low wattage globes in lamps
- Only use certified electrical trades people to repair damaged/faulty electrical appliances, wiring or equipment.



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Switches and power boards

- Use power boards according to manufacturer's instructions
- Avoid using double adaptors
- Do not overload power points or power boards
- Do not allow children to play with power points or switches
- Ensure electrical cords are not hanging from benches or other surfaces where children can reach them
- Do not plug high wattage appliances (such as heaters) into power boards - they may overheat the circuit wiring through overload and cause a fire
- Place power boards in ventilated areas and keep them free of dust, grease and dirt.

Extension leads

- Use extension leads only as a temporary measure
- Place extension leads carefully around furniture, securely taped to the floor or along the wall edges
- Never place extension leads under carpet or rugs as they may overheat
- Check extension leads regularly for signs of damage or age
- Extension and electrical leads that are damaged, frayed or have exposed inner wires should be disposed of or repaired only by a certified electrical trade
- Do not connect extension leads together to make a longer cord.