



# Home safety

## Fire safety top tips

Read the “Fire Safety” PDF leaflet

- Make sure your landlord has any gas appliances checked annually
- Get a carbon monoxide alarm in each room where there is a gas appliance
- Don't plug more than 2 appliances into one socket
- Avoid using candles. If you do use them, don't leave them unattended
- Have smoke alarms on every floor of the house
- Contact your local fire service to request a 'safe and well' visit where they will check your home for any fire hazards and give you helpful advice

## Avoiding accidents and emergencies in the home – top tips

- Don't use electrical appliances in the bathroom or anywhere near water
- Keep stairways free of clutter to avoid falls
- Keep furniture away from windows – small children might climb on it and fall out of the window.
- Use rear hob rings first and angle the pan handles away from the edge
- Clear up spillages straight away
- Don't leave running water unattended
- Don't flush anything other than toilet roll down the toilet. No wet wipes!
- Pour a kettle of boiling water down your drains once a month to clear soap scum blockages
- Put cold water in the bath before the hot water, and don't leave small children unattended while they are having a bath
- Keep chemicals (including cleaning products) away from children
- Don't overload electrical sockets with large numbers of appliances
- Keep wires and cables against walls, not across floors (to avoid falls)
- Don't store heavy items on high shelves
- Don't try to repair appliances yourself – call in a registered expert