



# Electrics

It would be very hard to live without electricity in our homes, but we still need to be careful.

Fires caused by faulty electrics cause around 7,000 fires in the home every year.

Switch off and unplug electrical items that are not being used at bedtime. If there is no connection to the electricity it can't catch fire.

Don't leave the TV on stand-by.

Don't use electrical items if the lead or plugs are damaged or worn at all.

Don't plug too many items into an extension lead.

Different electrical items use different amounts of power. Each plug will say how many 'amps' it uses. For example a television may use a 3-amp plug and a vacuum cleaner use a 5-amp plug. An extension lead will show how many amps you can plug into it. Be careful not to overload the extension lead.

