



Electrical safety tips

whilst

working from home



Working from home can certainly have its benefits, but with an increased use of electrical items in the home environment, awareness of hidden dangers should also be a high priority.

We have included some top tips to help keep you electrically safe as you work remotely.



Don't charge electrical items on sofas or beds

The comfort may seem appealing, however electrical products can overheat, increasing the risk of fire. Always charge on a hard, flat surface.

Avoid overloading sockets

Just because an extension lead has multiple sockets,
doesn't mean they should all be used.

Use our [online calculator](#) to find out what's safe.

Unplug chargers when finished charging

Don't leave items on continuous charge, otherwise you'll run the risk of damaging the battery, or the device could overheat and present a fire risk.

Check you're using the right charger for the right product

Don't mix and match chargers—always use the charger
supplied with your product.

Keep your workstation tidy

Chances are you're working in a much smaller space.
Keep your hot and cold drinks away from electrical devices—if something gets spilled, electricity and liquid don't mix!

Check plugs, equipment and wall sockets

Look out for evidence of wear and tear, damage or burns.
If found, stop using them immediately—here's some extra info on what to look out for.

Be mindful of cables

Don't try to fix any damage yourself (duct tape won't do) and keep them tidied away so they're not a trip hazard.

Don't “daisy chain” extension leads

If your cable doesn't reach, don't plug it into another adaptor. Consider moving your workspace closer to the socket or get a longer lead.

Don't get distracted

When putting lunch on to cook, it can be easy to get distracted by a call or email—don't leave hobs and ovens unattended.

For more electrical safety tips, visit
electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk

