



Electrical safety tips

whilst spending

more time at home



You're probably spending a bit more time at home with your family at the moment. And this means you're likely to be using more electrical items while you work and keep the children entertained.

Read our tips to see how you can stay electrically safe whilst spending time together.



1 Charge your electrical devices on hard, flat surfaces

Make sure your family aren't charging their devices and gadgets on beds, sofas or other soft surfaces. These can quickly overheat, increasing the risk of a fire.

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.

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.

Be careful if you're using portable heaters to keep warm

Make sure flammable materials are kept away from them and
don't leave them switched on when you're not around.

5 Keep a close eye on children's use of electrical items

Not just screen time; ensure they're charging correctly and following safe use guidelines.

Help the children with their school work

Visit twothirtyvolts.org.uk and switchedonkids.org.uk for lesson plans, worksheets, quizzes and games to help them learn.

7 Follow electrical safety advice when completing odd jobs

Now might seem like a good opportunity to undertake tasks you've been putting off – read these [Garden Safety](#) and [Electrical DIY](#) tips for more information.

Don't get distracted in the kitchen

When you're cooking, it can be easy to get distracted by family members, phone calls and emails—don't leave things bubbling away on the hob or in the toaster.

Be careful when shopping online

If you're watching your pennies and looking for an electrical bargain online, be aware of who you are buying from. Use our [Check It Out tool](#) to help learn the online risks.

Register your appliances

If you're at home with some spare time, why not make sure that the electrical appliances in your home are registered so that if there's a problem, the manufacturer can get in touch with you.

Visit electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/registration to find out more.

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