



ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

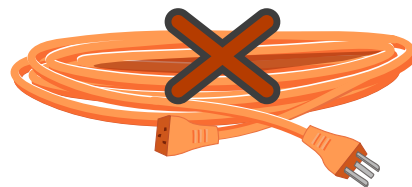


Heating pads and electric blankets cause around **500 fires each year**. Almost all of these fires involve electric blankets that are **more than ten years old**. Learn how to stay safe.

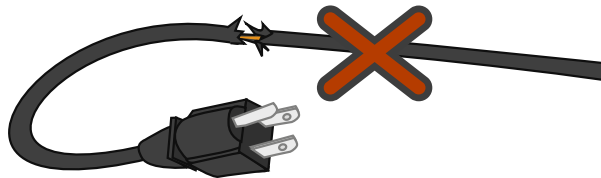
Heating appliances should **never be left unattended** or used while **sleeping**.



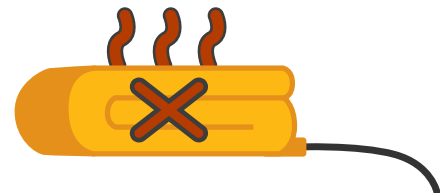
Do not plug electric blankets into an **extension cord** or **power strip**, as they could overheat and **cause a fire**.



Look for dark, charred, or frayed spots or electrical cords that are cracked or frayed. **Replace** any worn or old heating pads or electric blankets.



Never fold electric blankets when in use. Folded or tucked-in blankets could overheat and **cause a fire**.



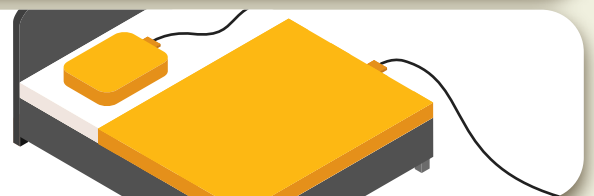
When purchasing electronics, including electric blankets, be sure to only **purchase from reputable retailers**. Purchase devices that have been approved by a **Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory**.



Do not allow anything to **rest on top** of a heating pad or electric blanket when it is in use. It may cause the device to **overheat**.



There are **two types** of personal heating appliances, **heating pads** that are placed directly on the mattress and **electric blankets**. They are not meant to be used interchangeably or at the same time.



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