



Tasmania Fire Service

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET

## Bedroom fire safety

### Electric Blankets

- **Switch off** before getting into bed.
- **Switch off** when not at home.
- Keep blanket **flat and tied firmly** to the bed.
- Never use if **wet, soiled or creased**.
- **Do not** use a hot water bottle and an electric blanket together.
- **Do not** place heavy objects on an electric blanket if switched on.
- **Never** fold if storing, as you may damage the wiring.

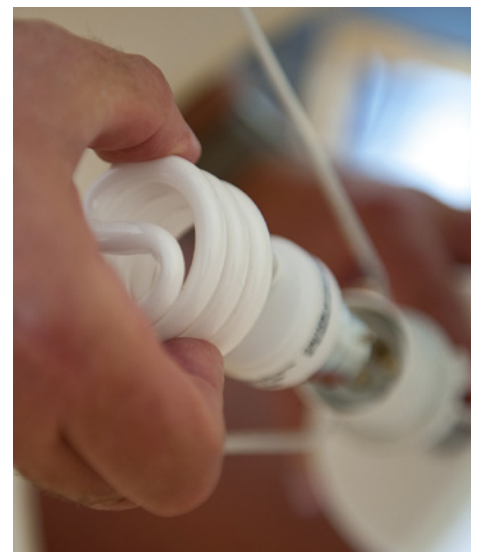
### Replace your blanket if it shows any of the following danger signs:

- Frayed or worn fabric or scorch marks
- Exposed elements
- Creasing or folding
- Soiling/damp patches
- Tie tapes damaged or missing
- Damaged electrical cord, plug or controller.

As a final check, switch onto high for 10–15 minutes. Run your hand over the blanket to check for hot spots which indicate that the elements may be damaged.

### General

- **Don't** smoke in bed.
- **Light globes are hot.** Fit bedside lamps with a compact fluorescent bulb. Don't put material over the lamp.



### Important

**Turn off** your electric blanket.