

Visual Guide to Home Fire Safety



Tasmania Fire Service

2025 Edition



Avoid fire risks at home

An initiative of the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania and the Tasmania Fire Service

In an emergency



If you have an emergency phone Triple Zero (000).

National Relay Service

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, you can contact emergency services through the National Relay Service.

SMS relay: 0423 677 767 ask for 000
Chat: nrschat.nrscall.gov.au
Captions: nrscaptions.nrscall.gov.au
Video relay: skype NRS ask for 000
TTY: dial 106

Learn more: accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs/how-to-make-an-emergency-call-using-the-nrs



What to do in a fire

Make sure you can get out of your house if there is a fire.



If there is a fire in your house, crawl low and get out.



Get out and stay out.



Never go back inside!

Smoke alarms



Test your smoke alarm monthly.



Vacuum and dust alarms every six (6) months.

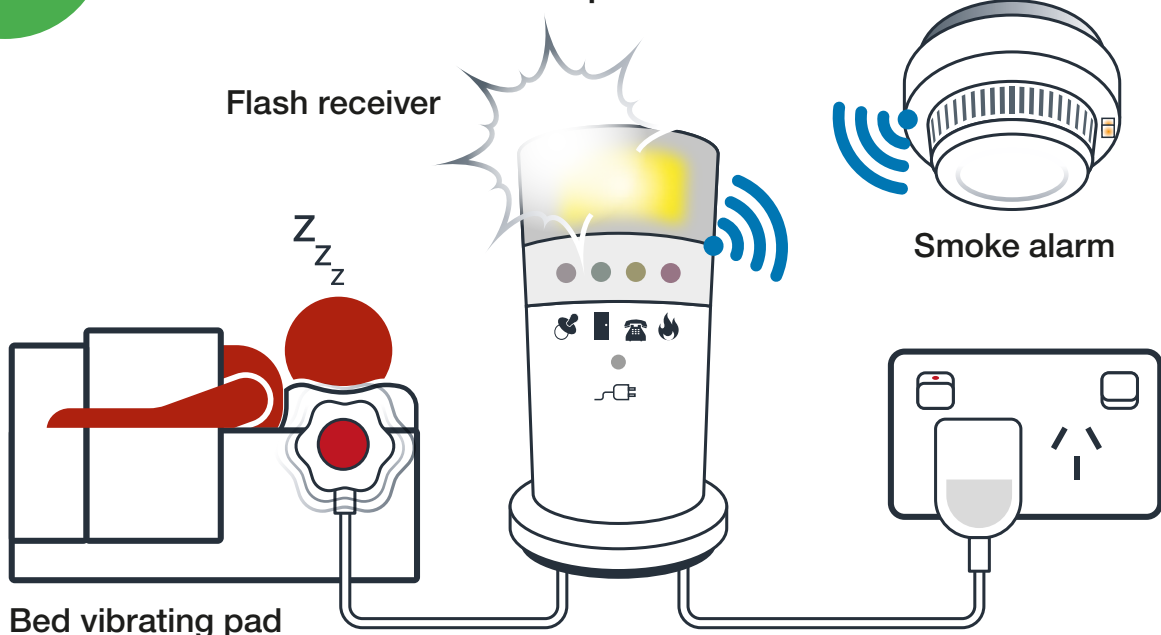


If your smoke alarm has a battery, change it once a year.

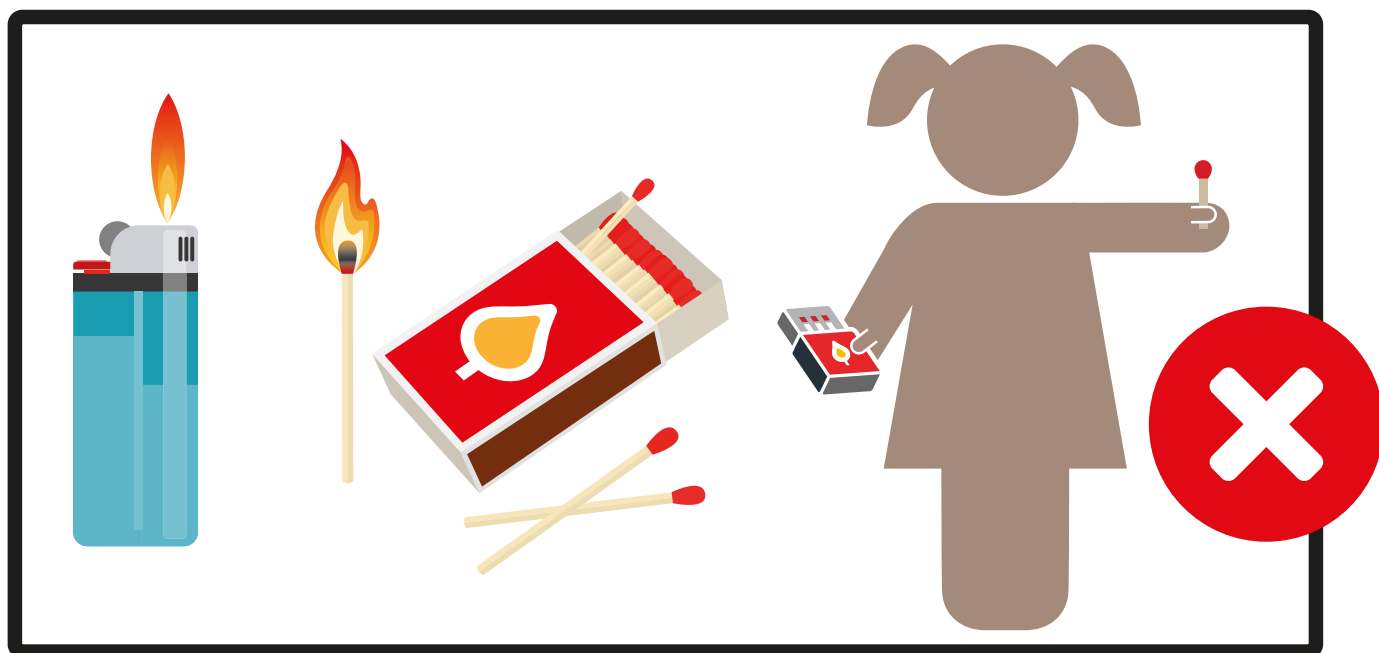
- For hard wired smoke alarms change your back-up battery once a year.
- Check the expiry date of your lithium battery smoke alarm every year.



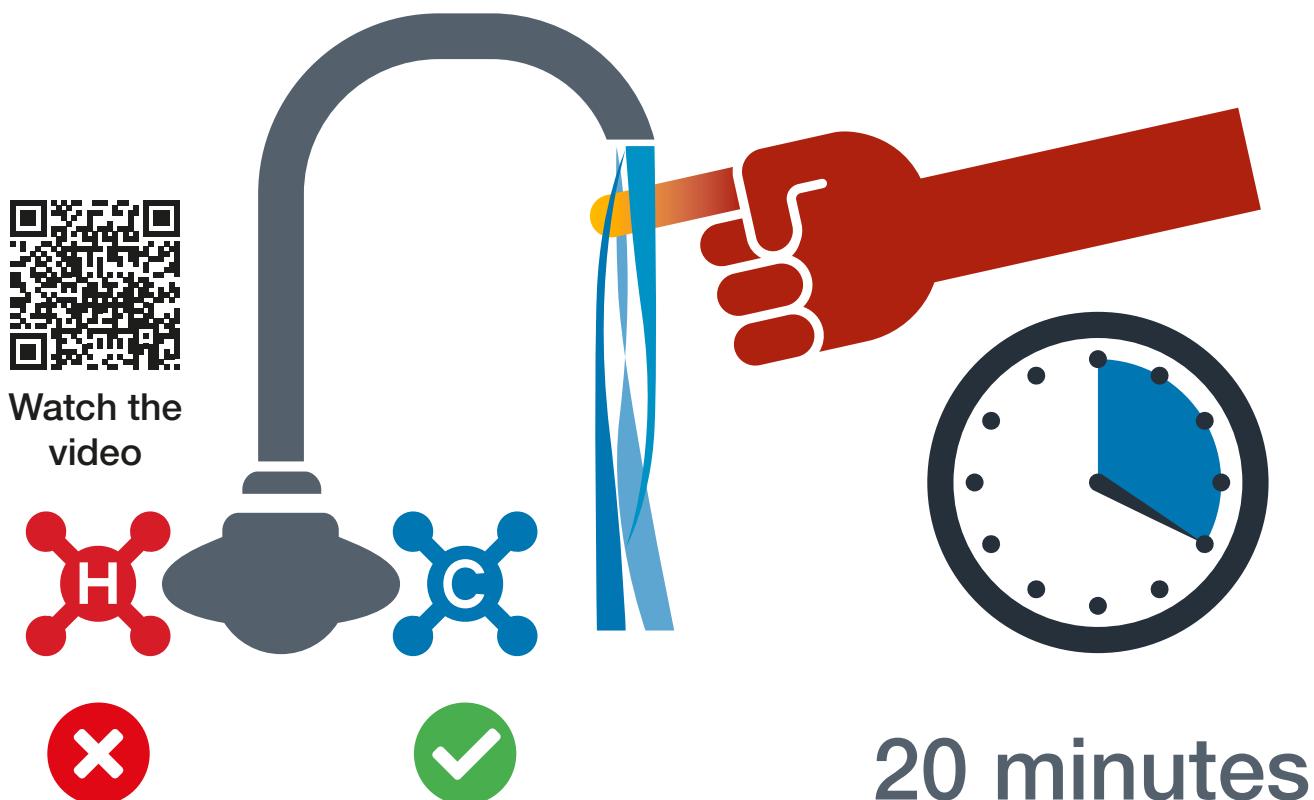
Smoke alarms are available for the deaf and hard of hearing. Contact Expression Australia:
Phone/TTY: 03 6228 1955, www.expression.com.au
Email: infotas@expression.com.au



Fire safety



Keep lighters and matches away from children.



Cool a burn under gentle cool running water.

Escape plan

Make a plan
in case of fire



Smoke alarms required by law



Additional smoke alarms recommended by Tasmania Fire Service

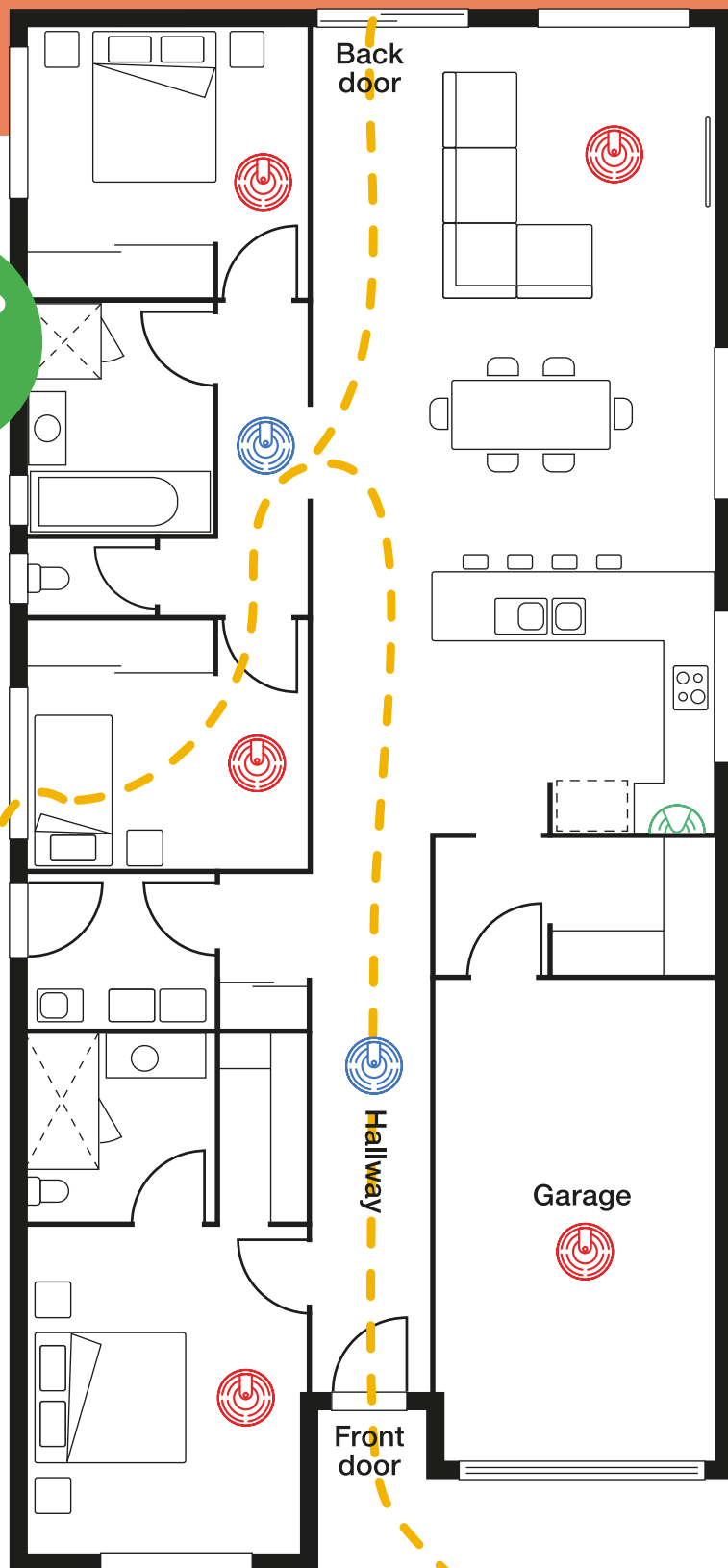


Carbon monoxide alarms recommended by Tasmania Fire Service for homes using:

- gas for cooking or heating
- wood or pellet fires.



To learn more about smoke alarm placement, see the *Smoke Alarms Fact Sheet*



Go to your Safe Meeting Place
e.g. letterbox.



Cooking



Stay with cooking.



Never leave cooking.

Cooking



Do not use portable stoves inside.

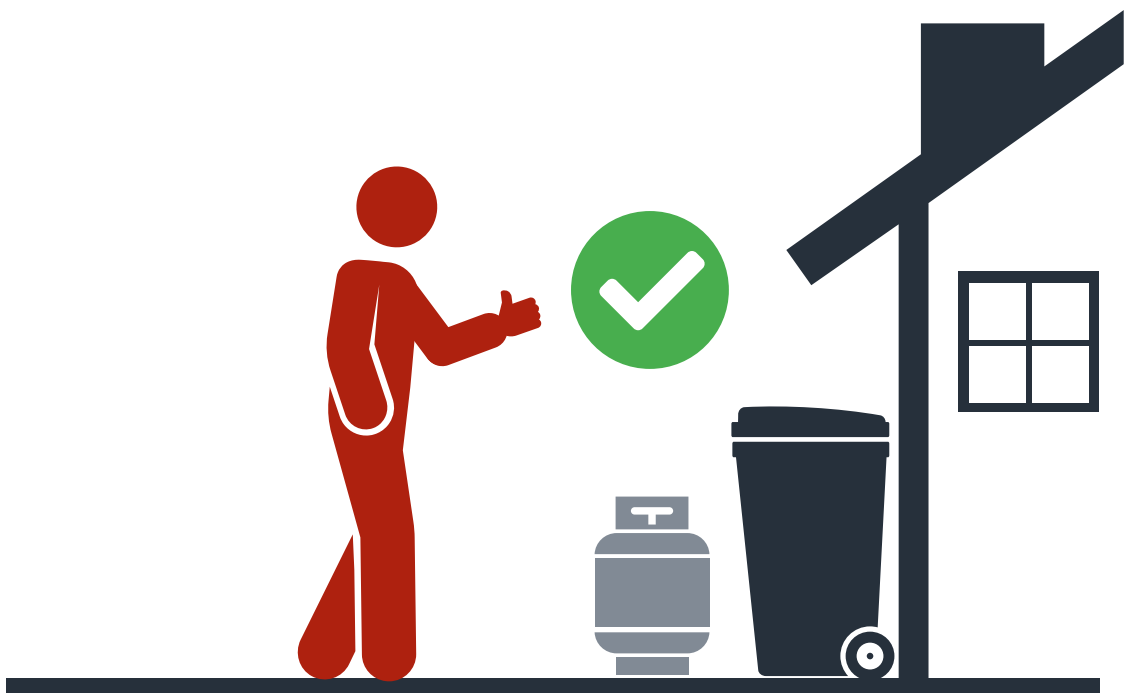


Only use gas cookers and gas bottles outside.

Cooking

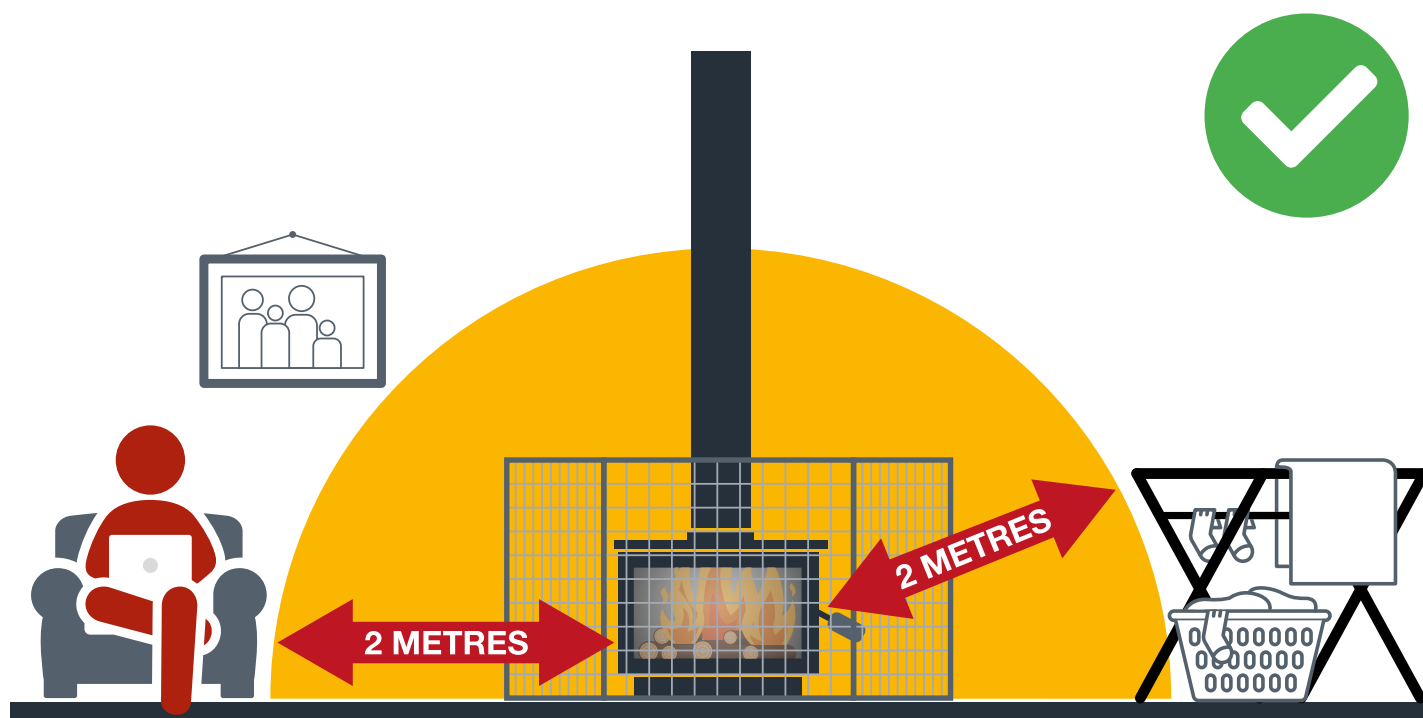


Do not store or use gas bottles inside.

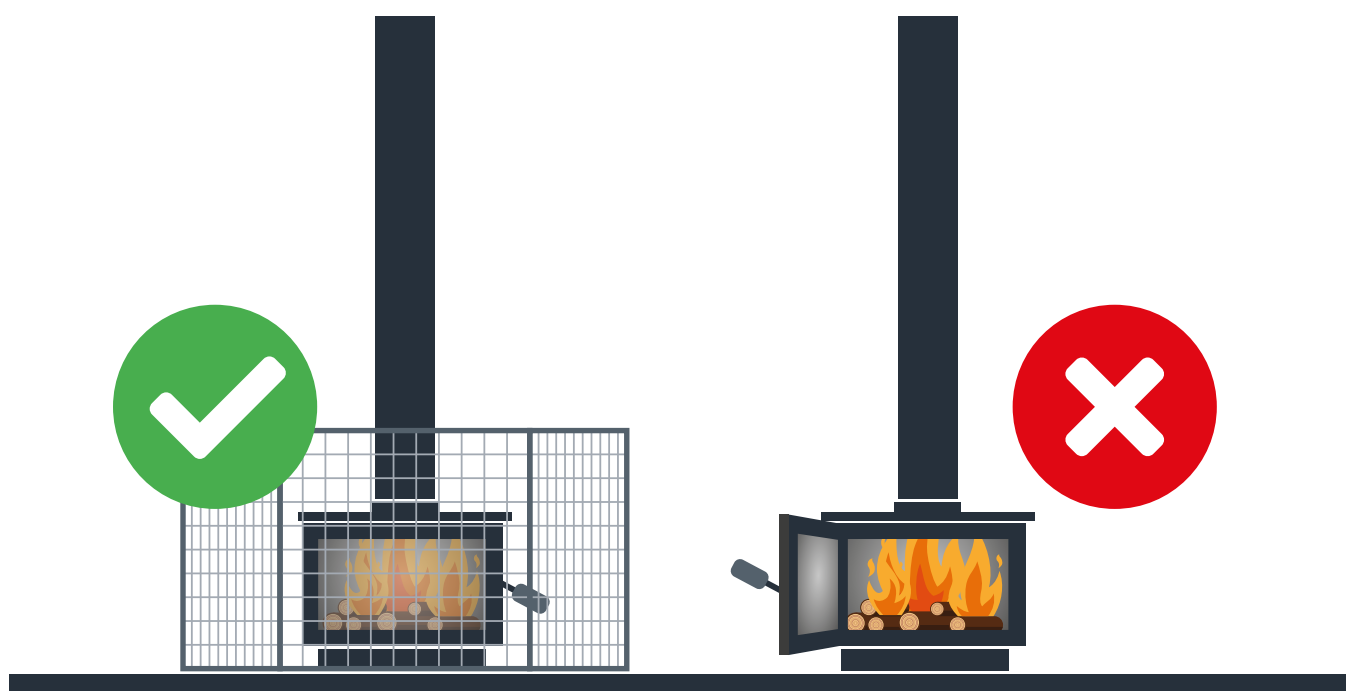


Store gas bottles outside.

Fires and heaters



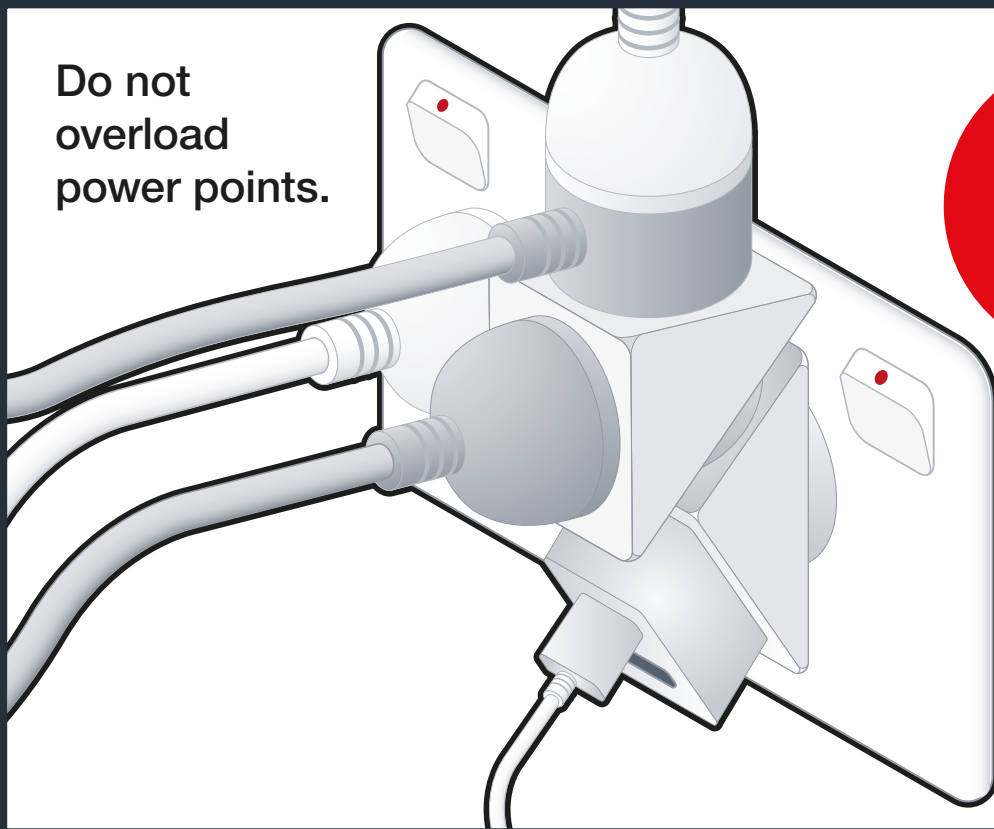
Keep everything 2 metres from the heater. That's at least 2 big steps.



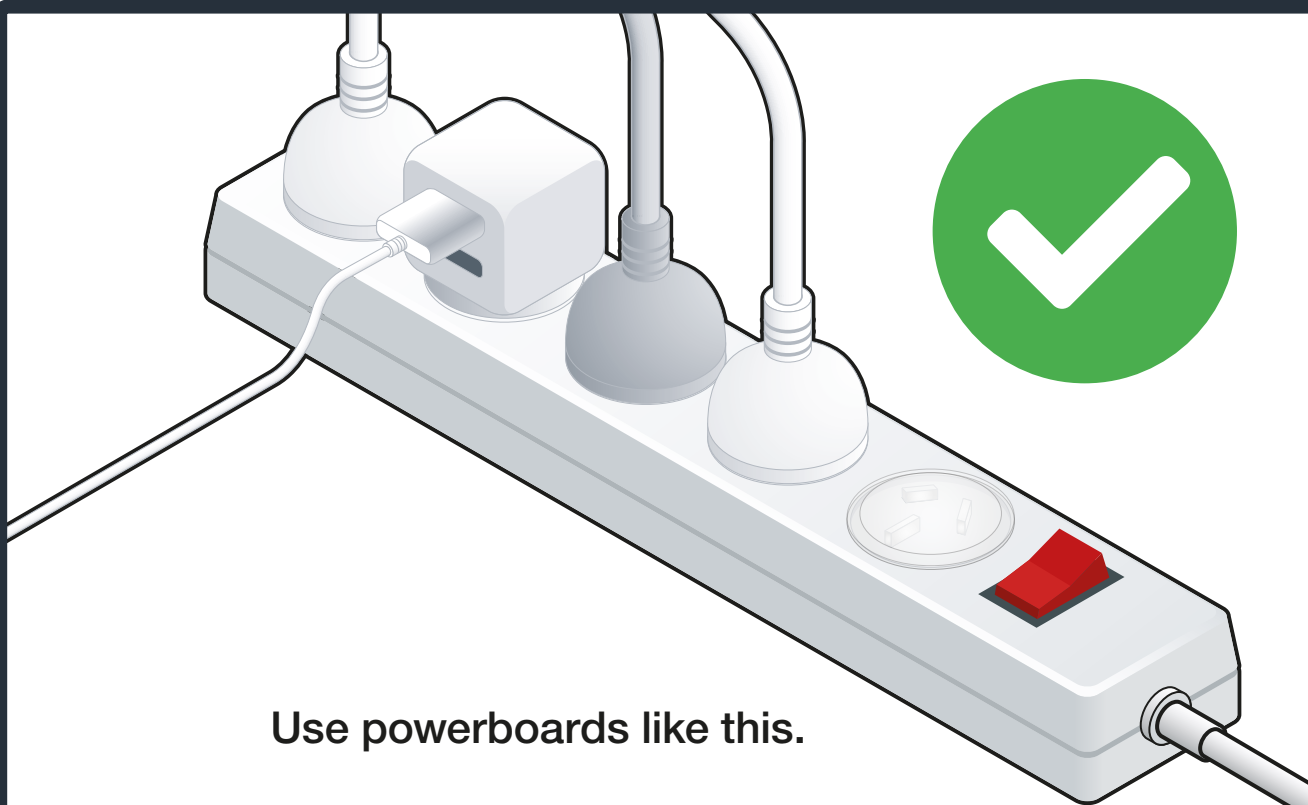
Protect fires with a guard and never leave the door open.

Electricity

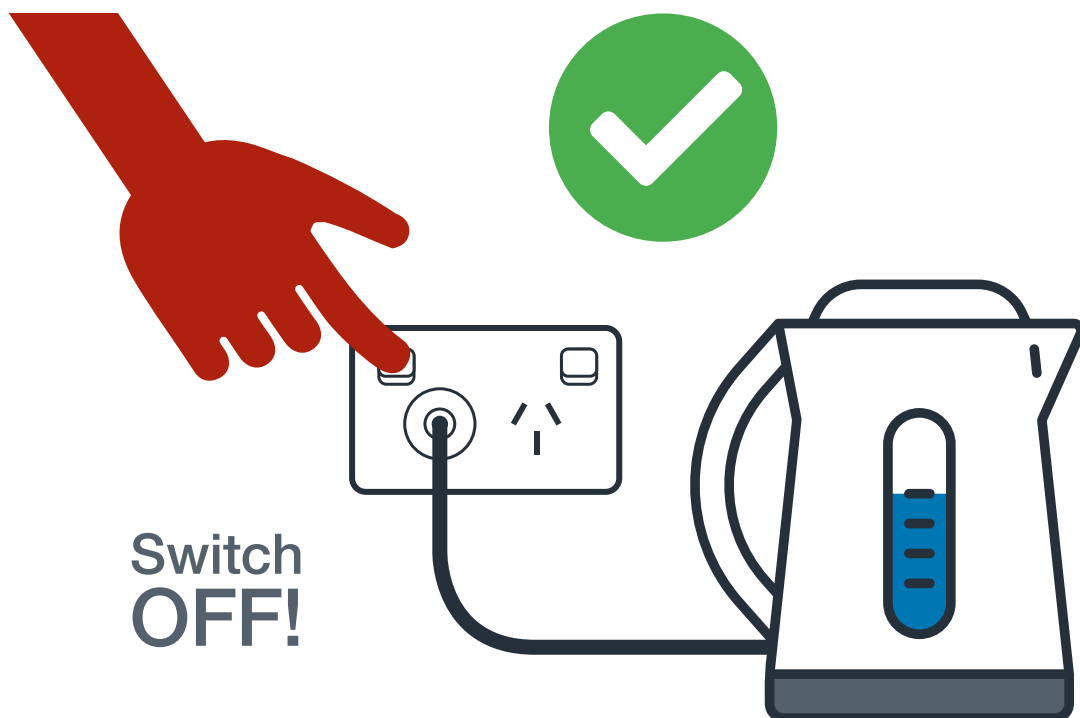
Do not
overload
power points.



Use powerboards like this.



Electricity



Turn off electrical items at the power point.



Check electric blankets and turn them off when going to bed.

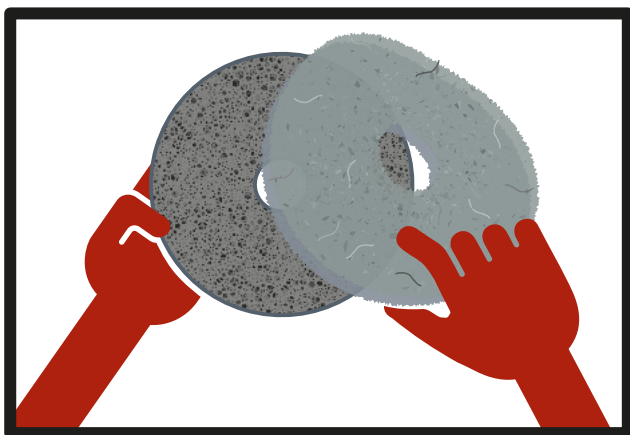
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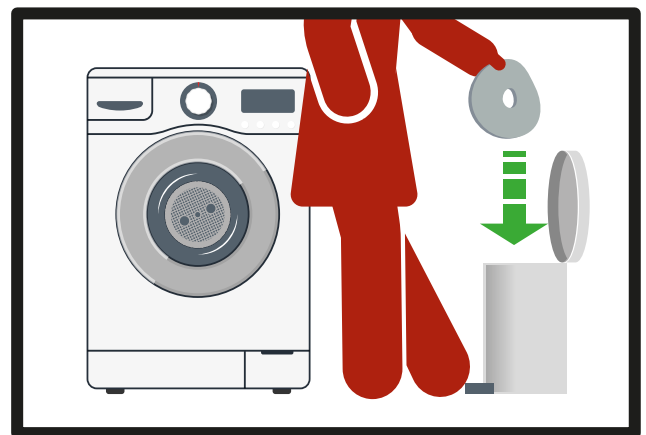
Blocked or full lint filters can cause dryers to overheat and start fires.

Check the lint filter in dryers after every use to prevent fires.

Always let a dryer finish its full cycle.

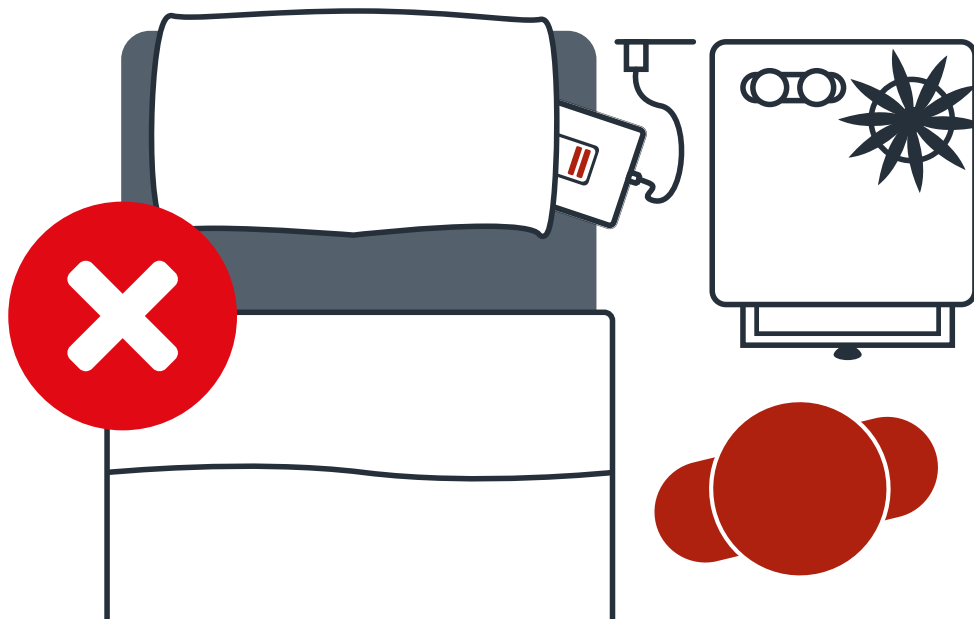


Clean lint from the filter.

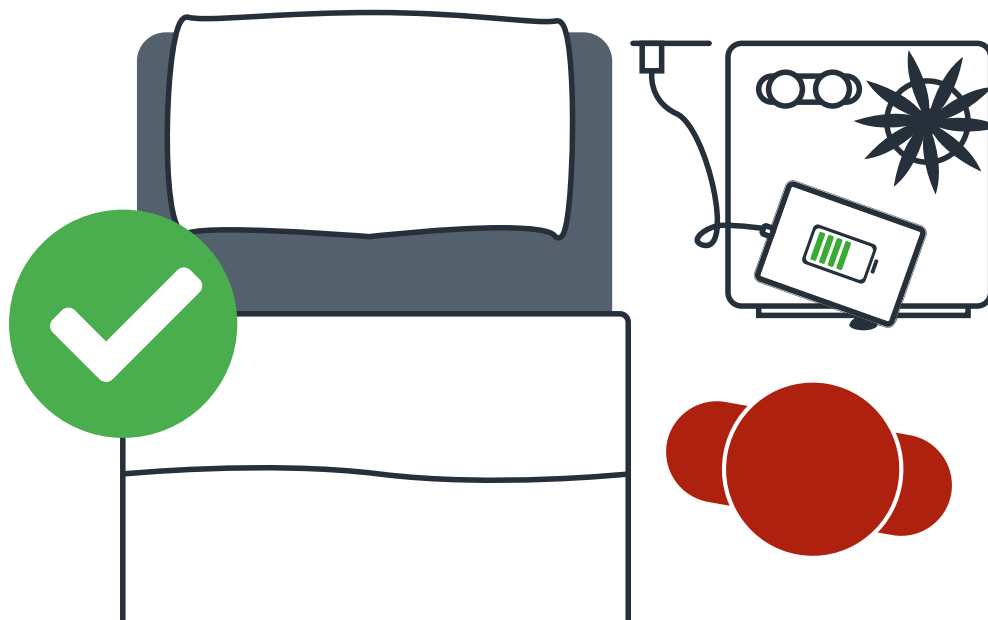


Dispose of the lint properly.

Lithium-ion batteries

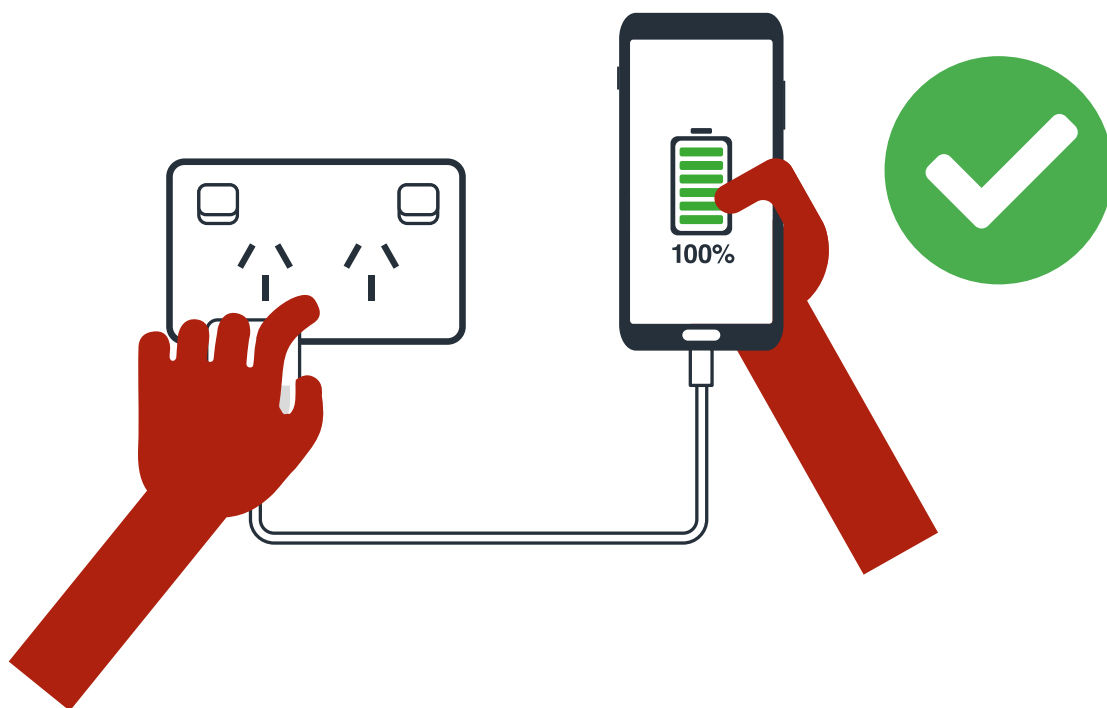


Do not charge phones, laptops and other devices on beds, couches or under pillows.



Charge devices on a hard surface away from things that might catch on fire.

Lithium-ion batteries



Unplug a charger when the battery is fully charged (100%).

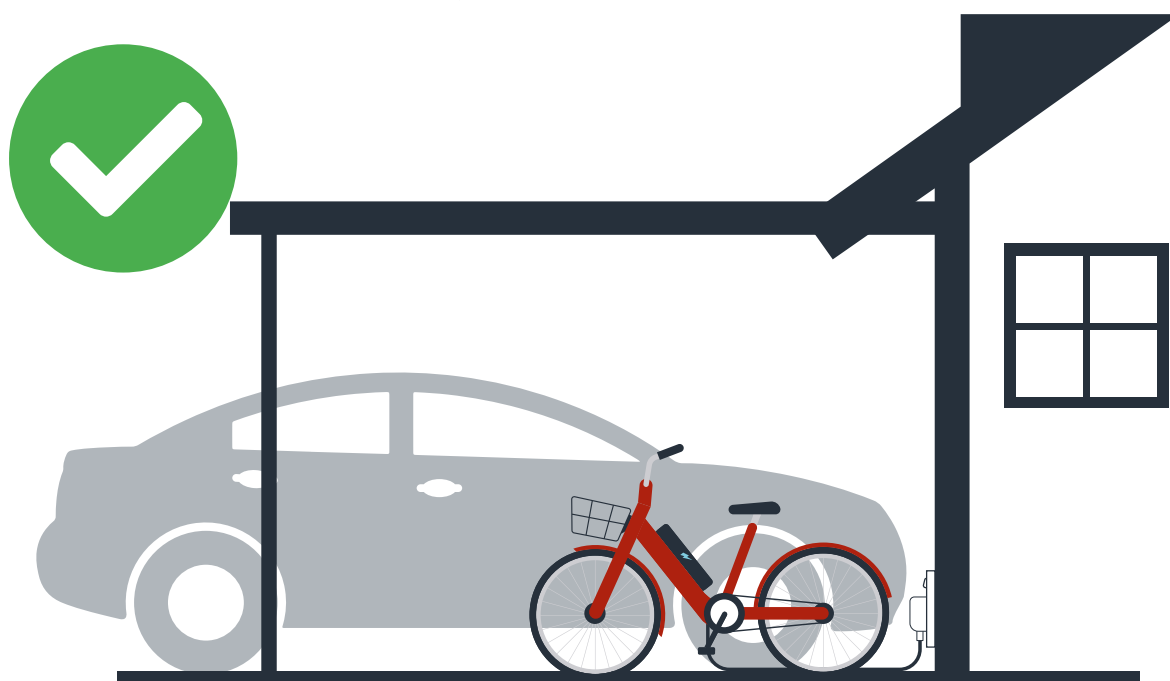


Do not leave batteries charging overnight or when you are not home.

Lithium-ion batteries

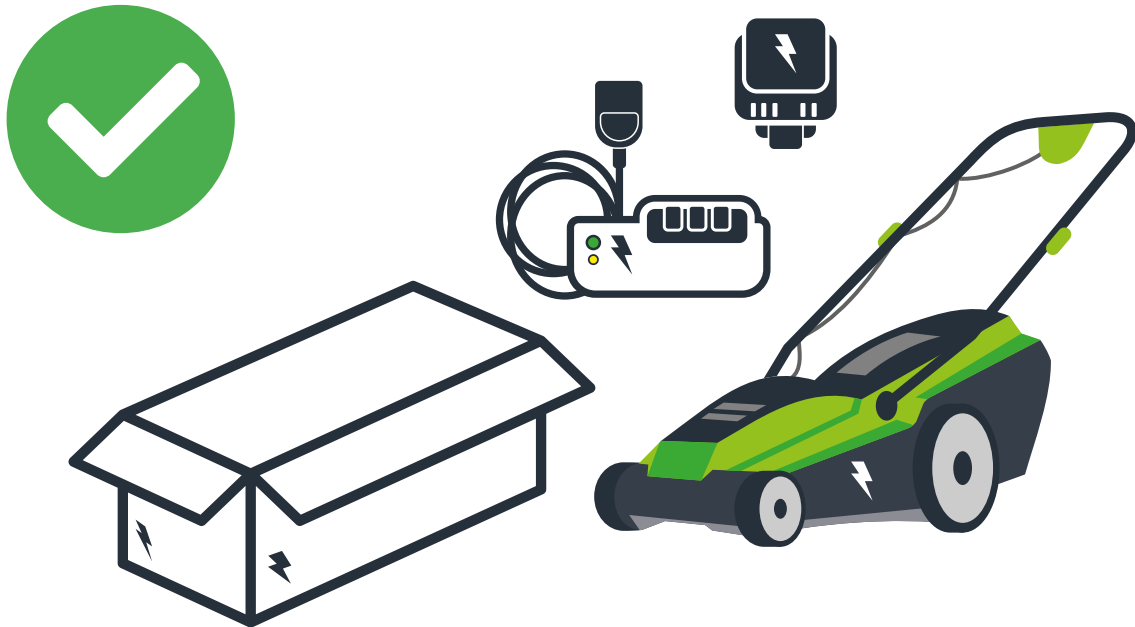


Do not charge e-bikes, e-scooters, and mobility devices inside the house.



Charge e-bikes, e-scooters and mobility devices undercover outside where possible.

Lithium-ion batteries



Always use the charger that came with the battery or device.
If you need to replace the charger, seek advice.



Have a working smoke alarm in places where batteries are
charged and stored, such as garages or sheds.

Smoking

Ensure cigarette butts are out.



Do not smoke in bed.



Candles and incense



Never leave burning candles or incense unattended.





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Fire Incidents and Warnings:

TASALERT.com



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