



Make Your Home Safe



Check your smoke alarms work

Each month, press the button on your smoke alarms to check they still work.

If you press the button and there is no sound, immediately call Barcud Customer Services on 0300 111 3030.

Test your smoke alarms every month



In the kitchen

Keep children out of the kitchen when you are cooking; they may knock over a pan and get hurt.

Do not let children near the cooker Keep children out of the kitchen when cooking



In the kitchen

Stay in the kitchen if you are cooking with fat or oil as these can easily catch fire. If the pan gets too hot and starts to smoke, turn off the cooker and leave it to cool. <u>Never put water onto hot or burning oil.</u> Never turn away from cooking oil Always watch the pan when cooking with oil



Use plugs safely

If you put too many plugs in one socket it could start a fire. One plug in each socket is best.

This is <u>very</u> important for appliances such as washing machines and electric fires that use a lot of electricity.

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Cigarettes

Cigarettes start a lot of fires. When you finish a cigarette, make sure it is <u>completely out</u>. Do not leave cigarettes alight Make sure cigarettes are completely out



Candles

Put candles in suitable holders. Keep candles away from anything that could catch fire such as curtains or papers. Do not leave candles on their own Make sure candles are in holders



Phone 999 for the fire and rescue service

Do not try to put out a fire by yourself. Phone 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Be ready to tell them where you live.

Bedtime checks

- Close all inside doors. Closed doors slow down a fire.
- Unplug things that use electricity, but not things like fridges and freezers.
- Check the cooker is off.
- Do not leave the washer on at night.
- Turn off heaters.
- Put a fireguard around the fireplace.
- Check the doors to the outside are clear.
- Put keys where everyone can find them.
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly.