



Tasmania Fire Service

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET

## Electrical fire safety

### Laundry

- **Clean** dryer lint filters **before** every use.
- **Ventilate** dryers adequately.
- **Allow** dryers to complete their cool down cycle.
- **Label** flammable liquids and poisons clearly and keep in correct containers.
- **Store** poisons and flammable liquids safely away from children.



### Electrical

- **Don't overload power points** or power boards.
- **Replace** damaged plugs and leads.
- **Use** power boards with **overload protection**.
- **Never** handle electrical equipment with wet hands.
- **Switch off and unplug** appliances when not in use.
- **Don't** use faulty electrical equipment until it has been repaired.
- **Don't** place extension leads under carpets or furniture.
- **Install** an earth leakage circuit breaker.
- **Check** electrical wiring and switches regularly, **especially** in older homes. Anything more than a visual check must be done by a licensed electrician.



### Further Information

For further information on electrical safety contact:

- Consumer, Building and Occupational Services  
Ph: **300 654 499** or visit **[www.justice.tas.gov.au](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au)**
- TasNetworks  
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