

# Electric blanket **FIRES** can be fatal!

Electric blankets cause countless fires each year, and at a recent Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards safety event, 68% of blankets brought into the event failed safety tests.

There are simple ways to stop a blanket causing a fire in your home. If your blanket (or its flex) shows any of these danger signs, you should have it checked or replaced:

- scorch marks
- fraying fabric
- exposed elements
- creasing or folding
- soiling
- damp patches
- tie tapes damaged or missing
- worn flex
- loose connections
- an old BEAB safety mark (round symbol) - this means it is more than 10 years old.



Avoid buying a second hand electric blanket and make sure any blanket you purchase displays the British  or European  standard and a safety certification  mark.



**IF IN  
DOUBT...  
THROW IT  
OUT**

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