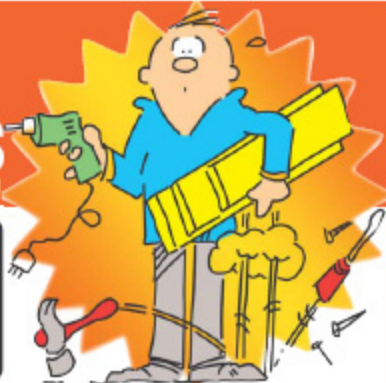


Eric's tips for tenants



Fire Safety



What should I do to reduce the risk of a fire in my home?

- Do not use portable gas or paraffin heaters.
- Do not place electric, fan, or convector heaters too close to your furniture or where they can easily be knocked over.
- Make sure that fires have fireguards on them.
- Unplug electrical appliances you are not using, especially at night.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Avoid using candles.

What do I do if I have a fire in my home?

- Get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible.
- Dial 999 and ask for the Fire Service.
- If you can safely do so, close the door of the room where the fire started and close other doors behind you.
- If you have got out of your home do not go back in until a fire officer has told you it is safe to do so.
- If you have a fire blanket or a fire extinguisher, only use it if you are sure you know how it works. Do not place yourself at risk of harm.

If you have not already got one, install a smoke alarm in your home – it may save your life!

Plan your escape route now and make sure your family know what to do if there is a fire. Don't wait until a fire starts.

How can I reduce the risk of fire or injury caused by electricity?

- Switch off and unplug appliances (such as a hairdryer) when you are not using them.
- Make sure that you switch off televisions at the plug socket at night.
- Make sure that all of your plugs are wired properly, and that the flexes on your plugs are not damaged. If they are, don't use them. Never run flexes under carpets or rugs.
- If your hands are wet or even damp, never touch electrical switches.
- Avoid using electrical adapters.
- Never wire more than one electrical appliance into one plug.
- Don't run any electrical appliances from light fittings.
- If you think that water has been leaking into your electric circuit, turn the electricity supply off at the fuse board.

Keep your home and family safe from fire!

Ask anyone who's suffered a house fire if fire safety's a waste of time and they'll tell a different story. It is far better to prevent fire than to fight it once it has started. Everyone in South Yorkshire is being offered the opportunity to have their home assessed by a fire expert who can check your home for possible dangers and help keep you and your family safe.

The home fire safety risk assessment service is carried out by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service personnel and looks at :-

- ☛ Smoke alarm coverage
- ☛ Fire escape plans
- ☛ Bedtime safety routines
- ☛ Kitchen safety
- ☛ Smoking hazards
- ☛ Electrical hazards



If your home does not have the minimum smoke alarm coverage smoke alarms may be supplied and fitted as part of the assessment.

The service is free of charge and can be arranged by contacting the Community Safety Hotline on telephone number 0114 2532314.

