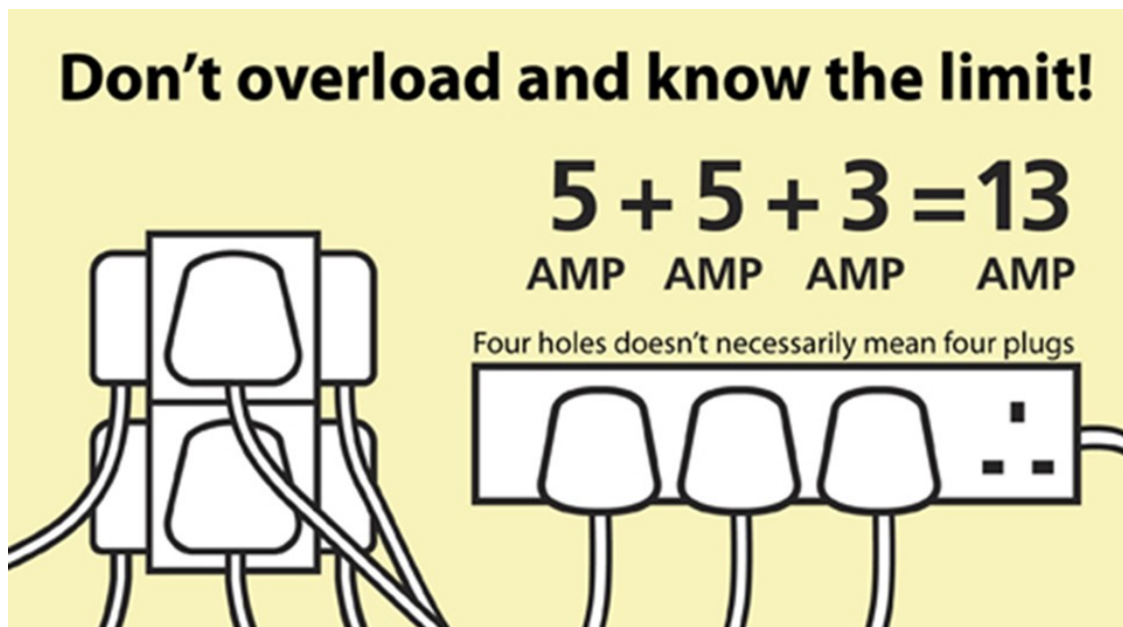


Home Safety: Preventing Fires

- Switch off appliances that cannot be left running 24/7. Don't run dishwashers, washing machines, tumble dryers or other appliances running overnight.
- Charge mobile phones or devices before going to bed - Don't leave charging over night.
- Do not smoke in bed or in your arm chair when sleepy. Use an ashtray and make sure cigarettes are extinguished properly.
- Do not leave candles unattended and do not place them on plastic surfaces or near soft furnishings. Use a metal or heat proof holder.
- Take care not to overload electrical sockets as this can lead to overheating.



- Avoid using chip pans.
- Plan an escape route and keep it free from clutter and ensure easy access to the front/back door key day and night.
- There should be at least 1 working smoke alarm per floor, situated on the ceiling away from walls and light fittings.
- Test your smoke alarms every week - pick a day to test them on each week

TEST SMOKE ALARMS EVERY _____

**Useful tip* you can use a brush shaft or helping hand to test it without climbing.*

Did you know?....

- NI Fire & Rescue Service offer free Fire Safety Checks and information to over 50's – They can check smoke alarms and fit new ones if required. Visit www.nifrs.org to complete an online application or phone 028 9266 4221
- If you can't hear your smoke alarm you can get support from the Northern Health & Social Care Trust Sensory Support Team. Phone 028 2586 3800 or email sensorysupport@northerntrust.hscni.net

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