



## Tips for the safe use of electrical devices/appliances

The Electricity Authority of Cyprus always bearing in mind the safety of electricity consumers, provides tips for safe use of electrical appliances and installation.



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Make sure that any electrical devices/appliances that you buy have been manufactured according to International Safety standards and CE marked.



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If you notice that a device/appliance is not working properly, unplug it immediately before investigating. Don't try to repair it yourself. Call a licensed electrician.



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If a plug or socket is broken, contact immediately a licensed electrician for replacement.



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Never connect a three-core cable to a two-pin socket and avoid using two-pin plugs.



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Avoid operating electrical appliances without supervision, e.g. washing machines, dryers, heaters, fan heaters, ovens, electric hobs etc.



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Never replace a fuse with one for a higher amperage.



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13 amp plugs have their own fuses, which can be easily replaced and recognized. They are brown in colour.



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Avoid leaving devices on standby.



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We regularly check the cables of appliances and if damage or deterioration is detected, immediately remove from the sockets and contact specialists for repair.



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For lighting, use the size of light bulb recommended by the manufacturer. Don't attach the lampshade to the bulb.



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Before cleaning an electrical device/appliance, check that the socket is switched off and unplug it.



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Never fail to replace a faulty/broken switch.



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Avoid using multi-plug adaptors as much as possible. If necessary, use them only for small devices/appliances.



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Make sure that the bars of an electric heater have a protective covering. To clean it, unplug it from the socket first.



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Avoid pulling the vacuum cleaner by the cable. For maximum efficiency, check and change the filters regularly.



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Placing wet clothes in front of or over electric heaters poses risks of electric shock and fire.

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When changing a lightbulb, first switch off the electricity and wait a few minutes for the bulb to cool down before removing it.

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Make sure that the fan cable is away from the blades and that they are well protected.

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If you use gardening tools, make sure that the outdoor sockets are suitable for outdoor use and that they are protected by a Residual Current Device (RCD 30mA).

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Avoid installing lighting via extension cables.

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Don't use metal constructions such as vine supports or drying racks for outdoor lighting.

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Water is a good conductor of electricity so, for your own safety, never touch plugs, switches or electrical appliances with wet hands.

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If a piece of bread becomes stuck in a toaster, don't try to remove it with a knife or fork. Switch off the electricity, remove the plug, and remove the piece by opening the bottom cover of the toaster.

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Before filling a kettle, make sure that it is switched off.

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Don't install electrical sockets, switches or appliances in the bathroom. Water and steam increase the risk of electric shock.

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Avoid letting the cable curled around an iron when it's hot. At the same time, always replace a damaged cable.