

Pressure relieving devices and fire safety



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Important guidance and safety information for people using pressure relieving devices

Now you are benefitting from a pressure relieving device, follow these important tips to help keep yourself safe from fire



- ✘ Never smoke in bed or whilst using a pressure relieving device
- ✘ Never burn candles in the room where your bed or device is kept
- ✘ Never use matches or lighters near your bed or device
- ✘ Never use electric blankets in combination with your bed
- ✘ Never overload electrical sockets
- ✘ Never place hot items, such as hairdryers or heated hairstyling appliances, on your bed or device.
- ✔ Keep ignition sources away from your bed or device
- ✔ Ensure that electrical equipment is a safe distance away from your bed or device
- ✔ Ensure that fires and heaters are a safe distance away from your bed or device
- ✔ If you use barrier medications/creams that contain petroleum, oil or paraffin, ask your pharmacist or care provider to recommend suitable non-flammable alternatives
- ✔ If you use a mobility aid, keep it within reach of your bed or device
- ✔ Use fire retardant bedding
- ✔ Ensure essential electrical items are maintained, and switched off and unplugged at the mains when not in use
- ✔ We recommend each floor of your home has a working smoke alarm fitted - these should be tested weekly
- ✔ Make sure you have a free Home Safety Check by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

For free home safety advice, call us now on freephone
0800 555 815

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