

BE DIY SAFE

As the weather gets warmer, the fire service often sees an increase in calls to emergencies which are found to have been caused by DIY activities.


Follow these simple safety instructions to ensure you stay safe:

- Make sure you use the right tool for the job. Don't guess, do your research
- Check that your tool has a British or European safety mark when purchasing it
- Store all your DIY equipment in a safe place and ensure that it is well away from children and pets
- Appropriate clothing is key. Avoid wearing loose clothing when using a drill; wear goggles and a mask when working with wood, MDF or hazardous materials; and wear rubber-soled shoes when working with electrics



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If you are using electrical appliances, remember the following:

- Do not overload sockets and do not use multi-way adaptors for high power tools
 - Always uncoil electrical extension cables fully, otherwise they can overheat and cause a fire
 - If you're fixing an electrical appliance, switch off the appliance at the socket and pull out the plug
 - Invest in a portable Residual Current Device (RCD) - a safety device that can save lives by instantly switching off power
 - Don't use electrical equipment in the garden when it is raining
 - NEVER use water to put out a fire involving an electrical appliance. Pull the plug out or switch off the power if it's safe to do so
 - If you see a fire, get away from danger and call 999 immediately
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Follow these safety tips and enjoy a safe summer. Find out more on preventing fires and keeping safe at

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