



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

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

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

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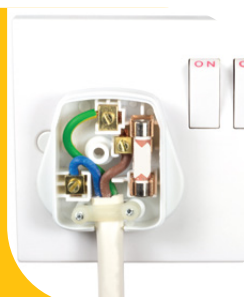
If you notice that a device/appliance is not working properly, unplug it immediately before investigating. Don't try to repair it yourself. Call a technician.

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If a plug is broken or cracked, replace it at once.

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See that the colours of wires/cables are correct and the same as those used throughout Europe.

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For safety reasons, all electrical installations are earthed. Use three-phase sockets and check that they are properly earthed.

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Never connect a three-phase cable to a two-phase socket.

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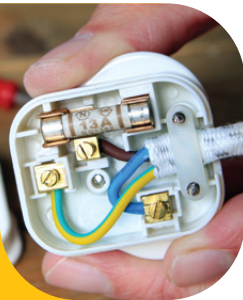
Use sockets that close all three shutters. Alternatively, insert a safety plug.

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Never replace a fuse with one for a higher voltage.

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

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Avoid using two-pole plugs for devices/appliances that require earthing.

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By using short cables on your devices/appliances, you not only save electricity but reduce the likelihood of an accident.

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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 the maximum efficiency and safe use, service it regularly.

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If you have radiators at home, make sure that they are always uncovered.

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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 far 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 covered and that they operate via an earth leakage current breaker.

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Outdoor lighting is essential if your garage or workshop is separate from the house. You should consult a specialist before installing it.

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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 or sockets 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 and remove the piece by opening the bottom 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 in the bathroom. Water and steam increase the risk of electrocution.

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Avoid letting the cable curl around an iron when it's hot. At the same time, always replace a frayed cable. If you use a steam iron, always unplug it before filling.