

Electric blanket **FIRES** can be fatal!

Electric blankets cause countless fires each year, and at a recent Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards safety event, 68% of blankets brought into the event failed safety tests.

There are simple ways to stop a blanket causing a fire in your home. If your blanket (or its flex) shows any of these danger signs, you should have it checked or replaced:

- scorch marks
- fraying fabric
- exposed elements
- creasing or folding
- soiling
- damp patches
- tie tapes damaged or missing
- worn flex
- loose connections
- an old BEAB safety mark (round symbol) - this means it is more than 10 years old.



Avoid buying a second hand electric blanket and make sure any blanket you purchase displays the British  or European  standard and a safety certification  mark.



**IF IN
DOUBT...
THROW IT
OUT**

Nottinghamshire County Council
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Electric Blanket Safety Testing Events

Unsafe electric mattress blankets can cause fires – have you ever had yours tested?

To book a **FREE** safety test appointment
phone: **0115 804 4555**

23rd October 2024 – Newark Library

24th October 2024 – Retford Fire Station

25th October 2024 – Cotgrave Futures

Any electric mattress blanket that is brought to us and fails electrical safety testing will be replaced on the day with a new electric mattress blanket. You will not receive your unsafe blanket back – it will be disposed of accordingly.

The blankets that we have available as replacements are of a standard specification and we do not have any other types in stock. **Please ensure you are happy to receive this blanket in exchange for your old blanket if it is found to be unsafe.**

**Please remember to bring the power cable for the blanket with you to the event*