



Derbyshire
Fire & Rescue Service
Making Derbyshire Safer

Get your electric blanket checked for **FREE***

*If found to be faulty your blanket will be replaced with a plush fleece topper (on a first come first served basis).



If you are over 60 or registered disabled please bring your electric blanket to one of the following events:

Ilkeston

1st October

09:30 - 4:00

Community Room

Staveley

3rd October

09:30 - 4:00 Community Room

Glossop

14th October

09:30 - 4:00 Appliance Room

Clay Cross

4th October

09:30 - 4:00 Appliance Room

Bolsover

16th October

09:30 - 4:00 Appliance Room

Ashbourne

11th October

09:30 - 4:00 Appliance Room

Matlock

23rd October

09:30 - 4:00 Appliance Room

IT'S A FACT

Older people are six times more likely than anyone else to die in a house fire caused by a faulty electric blanket.

To help you stay safe in your home this winter DFRS is offering FREE electric blanket safety checks for anyone aged over 60 or registered disabled. DFRS will replace any blanket failing the PAT test with a plush fleece topper* thanks to funding from the Department of Health.

Follow these simple safety tips to help pull the plug on bedroom fires:

- Always buy new. Second-hand blankets may not be safe.
- Have your blanket checked by an expert every year.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- If your blanket shows any signs of damage - do not use it.
- Check the plug cord for any signs of wear and tear or damage.
- Do not plug the blanket into an overloaded socket.
- Never use a blanket if it is wet or creased and never switch it on to dry it out.
- Never use a hot water bottle and electric blanket together.
- When the blanket is not being used unplug it.
- Always spread the blanket out - never use it folded.
- Keep the blanket stored properly during the summer months. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions about how to do this.
- Most electric blankets are designed not to be washed - always check the manufacturer's instructions.

For more home fire safety advice, visit www.derby-fire.gov.uk . Follow us/ like us on Facebook and Twitter for safety advice and incident updates.

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agree to let DFRS PAT test my electric blanket and agree, should it fail the test, that DFRS will dispose of the blanket.

*Please note – this is on a first come first served basis.

