

Stay Safe, Stay Warm

Stay safe and warm this winter with
FREE of charge **ELECTRIC BLANKET**
& **PORTABLE HEATER** testing run by
HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Trading Standards and Fire
& Rescue Services.

Testing will take place at the
following locations:

Monday 17 October 2022

Bishops Stortford Library
The Causeway CM23 2EJ
10:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday 18 October 2022

County Hall, Pegs Lane
Hertford SG13 8DE
9:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Watford Central Library
Hempstead Road WD17 3EU
9:30am - 4:30pm

Thursday 20 October 2022

Welwyn Garden City Library
Campus West AL8 6AJ
9:30am - 4:30pm

To book a slot for
testing please call:
01707 292429

You can also attend
without an appointment
on a first come,
first served basis.

visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

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General electrical product safety

1. Make sure you've checked for recalls and registered your appliance.
2. Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark.
3. Don't leave appliance unattended with young children and/or animals.
4. Turn heaters off before bed and when not in the room.
5. Follow the manufacturers operating and maintenance instructions.
6. Do not power device from extension lead, use wall sockets only.



Tips to use electric blankets safely

1. Store electric blankets flat, rolled up or loosely folded to prevent damaging the internal wiring.
2. Unplug blankets before you get into bed, unless it has a thermostat control for safe all-night use.
3. Never use an electric blanket if you have an air flow pressure relief mattress, or use emollient creams. Ask for non-flammable alternatives instead.
4. If your blanket gets wet, don't use it and never switch it on to dry it.
5. Do not buy second-hand electric blankets.
6. Check regularly for wear and tear and replace at least every 10 years.

Tips to use portable heaters safely

1. Make sure heaters are maintained and in good working order.
2. Don't take risks with old heaters - get it tested by a qualified electrician or buy a new one.
3. Where appropriate, secure heaters against a wall to stop them falling over, or fit wall-mounted heaters.
4. Keep heaters well away from clothes, curtains and furniture and never use them for drying clothes. Emollient users are at higher risk.
5. Always sit at least one metre away from a heater as it could set light to your clothes or chair.
6. Before attempting to move your heater, turn it off and allow it to cool first.
7. Only use gas or paraffin heaters in well-ventilated areas. Heaters consume oxygen so you could suffocate if a room is not properly aired.

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