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Pressure relieving devices and fire safety





Important guidance and safety information for people using pressure relieving devices

Now you are benefitting from a pressure relieving device, follow these important tips to help keep yourself safe from fire

- ✗ Never smoke in bed or whilst using a pressure relieving device
 - ✗ Never burn candles in the room where your bed or device is kept
 - ✗ Never use electric blankets in combination with your bed
 - ✗ Never place hot items, such as hairdryers or heated hairstyling appliances, on your bed or device
 - ✗ Never overload electrical sockets
 - ✓ Keep ignition sources away from your bed or device
 - ✓ Ensure that electrical equipment is a safe distance away from your bed or device
 - ✓ Ensure that fires and heaters are a safe distance away from your bed or device
 - ✓ If you use barrier medications/creams that contain petroleum, oil or paraffin, ask your pharmacist or care provider to recommend suitable non-flammable alternatives
 - ✓ If you use mobility aid, keep it within reach of your bed or device
 - ✓ Use fire retardant bedding
 - ✓ Ensure essential electrical items are maintained, and switched off and unplugged at the mains when not in use
 - ✓ We recommend each floor of your of your home has a working smoke alarm fitted, these should be tested weekly
- Make sure you have a free Safe and Well Check from Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service ✓



For FREE Home Fire Safety advice call: 0800 180 4140

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