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Pressure relieving devices and fire safety





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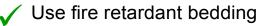
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Important guidance and safety information for people using pressure relieving devices

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
- X 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



- 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



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