

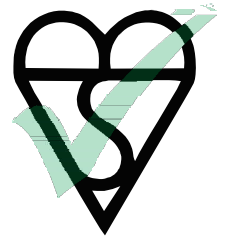
Electric Blanket Check List

Electric blankets

Electric blankets cause more than 5,000 fires a year. 99% of which are believed to be caused by blankets over 10 years old.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/fire-and-rescue-service/keeping-safe/fire-safety/fire-safety-at-home/electrical-fire-safety/>

Your electric blanket should carry the British Standard Kitemark and the British Electrotechnical Approvals Board (BEAB) symbol on it, showing it meets safety and quality standards.



If in doubt, chuck it out!

If your blanket (or its flex) shows any of these danger signs, you should have it checked or replaced:

Image of the old BEAB safety mark (a round symbol, pictured) this means it's over ten years old and should be replaced

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- 🔥 Scorch marks
- 🔥 Exposed elements
- 🔥 Creasing or folding
- 🔥 Soiling or damp patches
- 🔥 Missing or damaged tie tapes
- 🔥 Loose connections
- 🔥 Fraying fabric or a worn flex



You should replace your electric blanket at least every ten years. Never buy one second-hand and always check for the British or European standard and the certification marks mentioned above. Also make sure it has overheating protection.

You shouldn't fold electric blankets to store them, as this can damage the wiring. It's better to roll them – or keep them on a spare bed. An electric underblanket can be left on your bed all year, whether you are using it or not.