



You've got home, locked the door, and settled in – but it is easy to fall into a false sense of security. However, many accidents sadly happen in the home and many of these are avoidable. Below are some straightforward safety tips that you can take to help to protect you and your family, and further information can be found on the Directgov website at www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/index.htm. In addition, you and your family should familiarise yourself with your available escape routes in your home in the case of fire – plan your escape!

GARDEN AND BARBEQUES

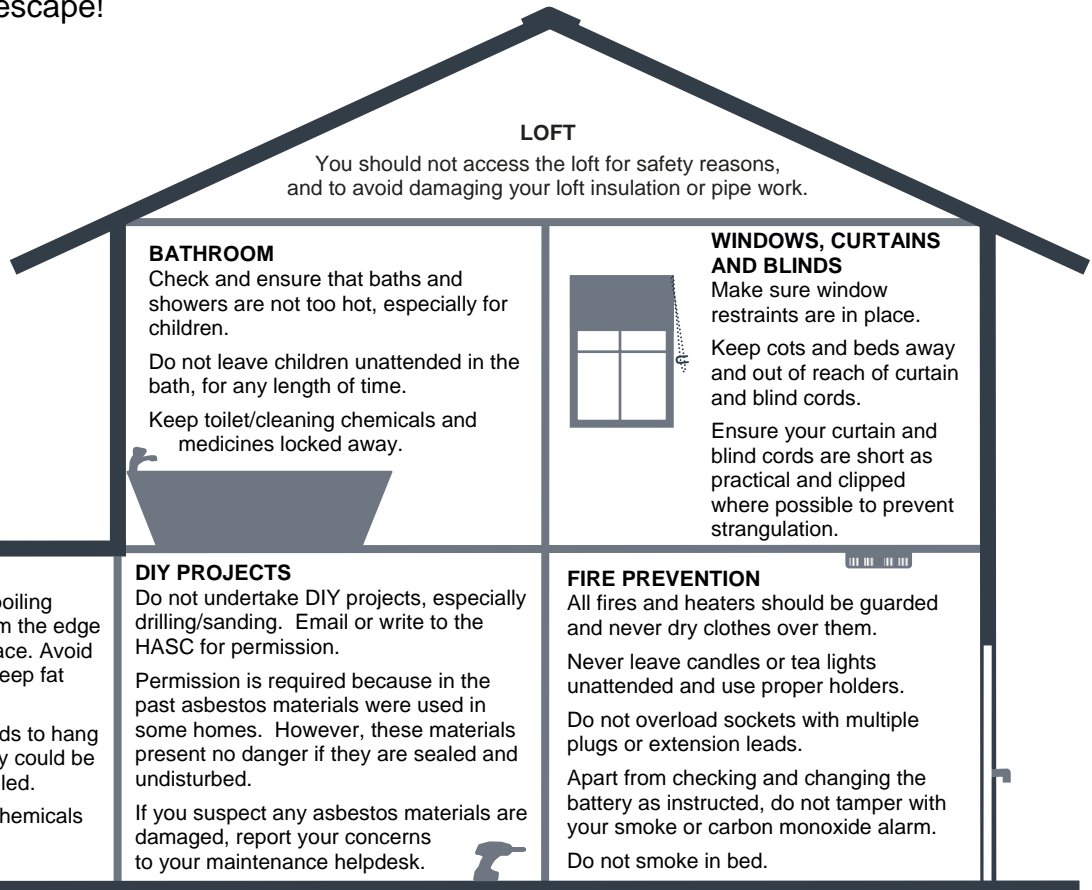
Garden chemicals should be stored with great care and away from children.

Always use an in line RCD (Residual Current Device) for outdoor electrical appliances - such as the lawnmower.

Remember that some garden plants and berries are poisonous.

Light your barbeque on a stable surface well away from the house and flammable materials, such as fencing. Use lighter fluids sparingly.

Allow the ashes to cool completely before disposal. This includes disposable barbeques as they can set a bin on fire.



GAS EMERGENCY

If you smell gas:

- Get fresh air immediately - open all doors and windows to ventilate the room.
- Switch off the appliance and turn off the gas supply at the mains.
- **Report it - England, Wales and Scotland: 0800 111 999 or Northern Ireland: 0800 002 001**

If you suspect a large gas leak evacuate everyone from the building immediately and call the relevant Gas Emergency number from somewhere else.

SUSPECTED CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

- If you are feeling ill visit your GP or the hospital immediately, and tell them your symptoms may be related to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use any affected appliances until they have been checked by your maintenance provider – ring the relevant helpdesk for information.