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## Electrical Safety

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### Background

Electrical Fires still account for around 50% of fires in the UK every Year, resulting in 1380 incidents of injury. Electrical devices, cooking appliances, fridge freezers, washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers are the main causes of fire.

95% of households in the UK now have mobile phones, an emerging risk is counterfeit and substandard battery chargers for a range of electrical devices such as mobile devices or electronic cigarettes. Branded chargers which conform to British Standards are expensive in comparison to cheaper counterfeit products which carry inherent safety risks.

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### Key Information

The average success rate of an electrical product recall in the UK is just 10-20%. A lot of the time, the manufacturer has no way of directly contacting those who purchased the item in question. So, every year, millions of potentially unsafe appliances remain in use, putting their owners at risk of electrical shocks, fires or even death. Registering a product makes it easy for the manufacturer to get in touch with you if there is a problem. The easiest way to register your product is to register online. In order to register your product, you'll usually need the brand name, model (usually either a name or a number), serial number and date of purchase.

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### Local & National Statistics:

- **15,432** fires were caused by electricity in the UK
- Resulting in **1380 fatalities and injuries**, an average of **27 a week** or **4 a day**
- **Cookers and ovens** were the leading cause of electrical related fatalities and injuries (679)

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### Extra Resources:

Product Recall: <https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls/>

White Good Safety: <http://www.whitegoodsafety.com/>

Register My Appliance: <https://www.registermyappliance.org.uk/>

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