

Fire blankets

Fire blankets can be a useful tool to have in your home, providing you use them in the correct way.

Cooking fires

- If a pan is on fire, turn off the heat if it's safe to do so.
- Don't attempt to move the pan or throw water on it.
- Grab your fire blanket and pull the tapes to release it from its container.
- Hold it so as to shield you from the fire (wrap it round your hands if you can).
- Place the blanket gently over the pan or container to smother the flames.
- Leave the pan to cool completely and don't remove the blanket until the pan is cold.
- If you have an oil pan fire that is too big to tackle, leave the building and dial 999.

Personal clothing fires

- Grab your fire blanket and pull the tapes to release it from its container.
- Hold it so as to shield you from the fire (wrap it round your hands if you can).
- Wrap the fire blanket around the person who is on fire, to smother the flames.

