

Sub-standard and counterfeit electrical chargers can be deadly so always use the genuine charger that is designed for use with the product.

Once devices are fully charged disconnect them and turn the charger off.

Ensure sockets are not overloaded. You can check using the socket calculator on the Electrical Safety First website.

Never use any charger that shows signs of damage or appears to be not working properly.

Never cover a charger as it may build up heat during the charging process.



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Phones

A large number of chargers are bought online each year in the UK by mobile phone owners who are searching for a bargain. However, the cost of buying a fake charger could be much greater in the long run with the risk of injury, electric shocks and fires.

- Never leave a phone charger plugged in and turned on when not in use.
- Never leave mobile phones charging on soft furnishings or beds.
- Never use a phone charger that shows any signs of damage.
- If you need to purchase a replacement charger, buy it from a reputable retailer.



E-cigarettes

- Follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer carefully.
- Only use the charger supplied with the battery as they need to be charged at the correct rate of charge.
- Never leave e-cigarette batteries unattended whilst on charge.
- Ensure that e-cigarettes are not left charging for long periods of time.
- Look for the CE mark that indicates chargers comply with European Safety standards.



Laptops

If your laptop suddenly shuts down, produces odd electrical smells and/or is hot to the touch, it could be overheating. Continued use could then cause the laptop to completely fail or even catch fire.

- If the laptop shows any of the signs mentioned above stop using it immediately.
- Do not use incompatible computer batteries and chargers with your laptop.
- Follow battery usage, storage and charging guidelines found in the user's guide.
- Soft surfaces can restrict airflow so never use your laptop on a sofa, bed or carpet.



Further information about electrical safety is available from www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk