



Carrickfergus Borough

## **ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

Electrical goods that you buy must meet essential safety requirements so to ensure that people and pets are not at risk of injury or death. It is also very important that property is not damaged also.

The responsibility to supply safe electrical goods applies all the way down from the manufacturer to the retailer.

This means, that products being sold should comply with any relevant legislation or recognised safety standard.

When purchasing electrical products follow these top tips.

1. Only purchase goods from a reputable supplier/shop
2. Examine goods to ensure they carry safety symbols or signs, eg. CE Mark and appropriate warnings e.g. not to be used near water etc
3. Read all warnings carefully
4. Follow assembly instructions properly to ensure they are assembled safely
5. Follow any operating instructions properly
6. Ensure the appliance is fitted with a standard three-pin plug (unless to be fitted to mains)
7. Keep receipts as proof of purchase
8. Only use goods or equipment for the purpose for which they are intended e.g. a hair dryer for drying hair, not clothes.
9. If the electrical equipment is also a toy, it must have a CE mark to show it meets electrical equipment and toy safety requirements.
10. Dispose of any electrical good that is in poor repair



For further information about safety of electrical goods, contact Carrickfergus Borough Council's Environmental Services Department on 028 9335 8000.

Further guidance can be found on the BIS website [www.bis.gov.uk](http://www.bis.gov.uk)