

# Scouting at Home



Suitable for: Joeys & Cubs

Time needed: 15 minutes



Personal Growth  
Challenge Area

## Safe as houses

Make sure you know what common dangers to look out for, and what to avoid, to stay safe in the home.

### You will need:

- Paper
- Pen

### Instructions

**1** Do some research into potential hazards at home that might be caused by electricity. Think about some common causes of electricity-related accidents in the home.

**2** Grab a piece of paper, walk around your house and have a

look to see what hazards you can find, you might ask a parent to help you.

**3** Discuss at your next Section meeting the hazards you have found. Talk about other hazards you might have missed, the image below shows some examples and potential solutions to avoid them. Share what they've learned with your family.

### Outcomes

You will think about safety in your homes by identifying potential hazards and common causes of accidents relating to electricity, then share what you've learned with your family and friends. The illustration of a typical home environment shows potential dangers, so that the young people can identify and try to avoid things that might pose a danger.

#### Everywhere

Keep an eye out for poor wiring or damaged and loose switches and sockets.

#### Living room

Take care not to put drinks down where they could get knocked over onto leads or sockets.

#### Garage

Modern extension cords are made in a way that limits the flow of electricity, which avoids them getting overloaded, but older ones don't and could create a fire risk.

#### Kitchen

If your toast gets stuck in the toaster, don't use a knife or other metal object to get it out, or you could electrocute yourself.

#### Whole house

Beware of electrical wires that have become bare.

#### Bathroom

Don't use electrical items like irons in places where there is a lot of water.

#### Bedroom

Don't charge phones, tablets or other devices on beds or on piles of clothing – they can overheat and cause a fire.

#### Hallway

Don't touch electrical items when you've got wet hands. If you've been out in the rain or doing the washing up, dry your hands thoroughly before switching on lights or charging your phone.

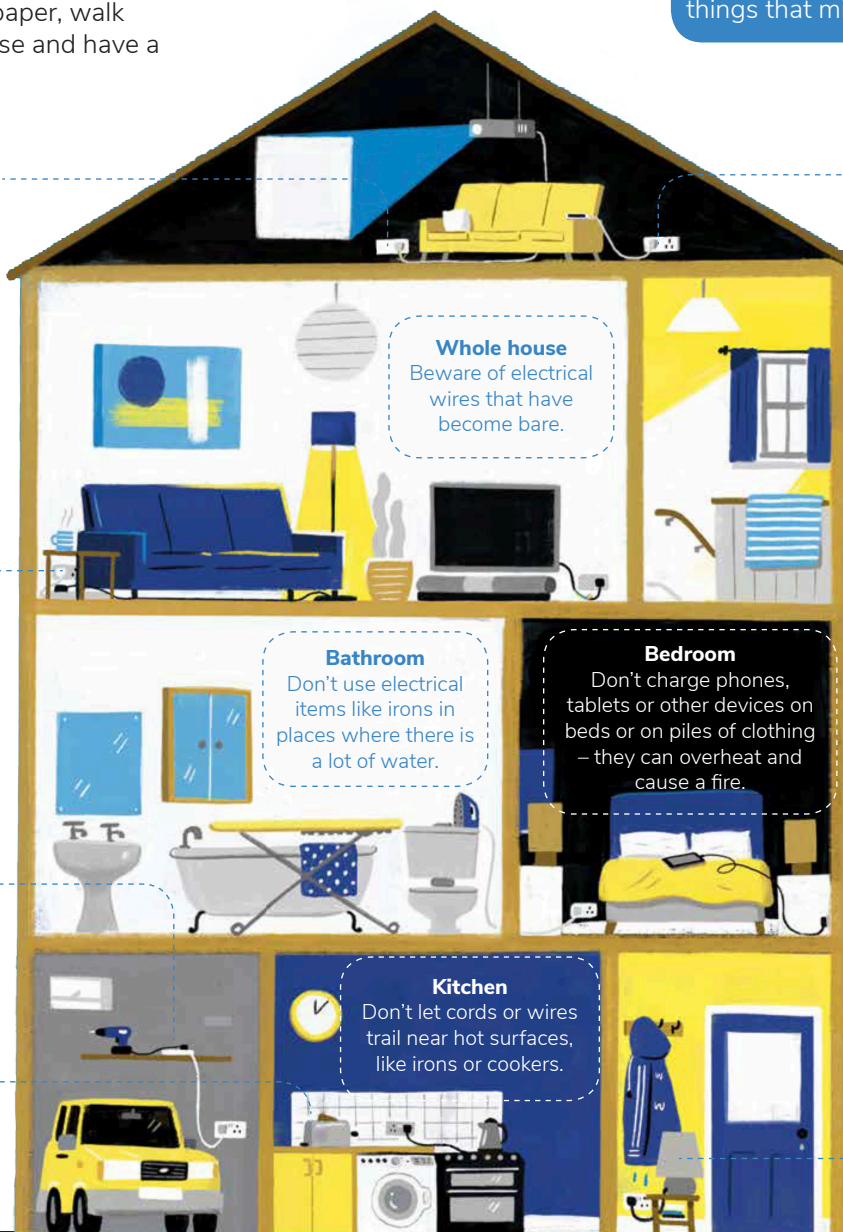


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