



FIRE BLANKETS

The purpose of this document is to provide information relating to domestic fire blankets as a fire safety measure.

What is a fire blanket?

A fire blanket consists of a piece of fire-resistant fabric (usually woven glass fibre) that can be used to smother a small fire or wrap around a person whose clothing is alight.

Where to store a fire blanket

To be useful, a fire blanket should be easily and quickly available. Fire blankets are often installed in kitchen areas where small cooking fires may occur. Do not place them near the stove as a stove top fire may stop you getting to it. Instead, place the fire blanket near the door way to the kitchen. This will mean you can still leave if the fire escalates.

When to use a fire blanket

A fire blanket is ideal for extinguishing cooking fat fires and can be used to wrap around people if their clothes catch on fire.

How to use a fire blanket

Pull down sharply on the tabs hanging from the bottom of the package to release the fire blanket.



Hold it in front of you, with the fabric rolled back at the edges to protect your hands.



Place (not throw) fire blankets over cooking fat fires, keeping hands and face protected behind it.



Lay the blanket gently over the fire. Do not throw the bottom of the blanket onto the far side of the fire as flames can then run up the blanket to your hands.



Turn off the heat source and leave the blanket over the burnt area for at least 15 minutes or until the heat has dissipated.



Dial 000 to call the fire service.



To put out a clothing fire, wrap the blanket around the flames and person. Get them to drop to the ground and roll until the fire is out. Seek medical assistance.



Australian Standards



Your fire blankets should be Australian Standards approved — AS/NZS 3504:2006 - Fire blankets.

It must measure no less than 1 metre by 1 metre.