

Skin and hair care

Safe use advice for electric appliances for skin or hair of people or animals and is intended for household and similar use with a rated voltage of not more than 250V.

This **safe use** advice also applies to appliances not intended for normal household use, and may be useful to laypersons in shops, light industry and on farms and other premises.

Examples are:

- Hairdryers
- Hand dryers
- Permanent-wave appliances
- Curling irons
- Curling combs
- Curling rollers with separate heaters
- Heaters with detachable curlers
- Facial saunas.

This advice is not intended to replace specific manufacturer's information but can be used as a general guide.

This advice does not cater for young children or people who are physically weak.

When using the appliance:

- If a appliance is used in a bathroom, unplug the appliance after use. Being near water presents a hazard even when the appliance is switched off.
- For additional protection, it is advisable to have a safety switch installed in the electrical circuit supplying the bathroom.
- To avoid the risk of electrocution, do not store or leave the appliance where it might fall into a bathtub, basin or other vessel containing water, even when the appliance switch is in the off position. Remove the plug from the socket-outlet when the appliance is not in use.
- When using a facial sauna, clean the appliance after use to prevent grease and other residues from building up. **WARNING – Do not use this appliance near water in bathtubs, basins or other vessels.**
- Fixed hairdryers intended for use in bathrooms must be fixed out of reach of anyone using a bath or shower. If the hand-held part of the hairdryer includes electrical components, the instructions shall state that the appliance must be fixed so that the hand-held part, when fully extended, is out of reach of a person using a bath or shower.

You are urged to:

- Use the appliance only for its intended purpose.
- If the appliance is for indoor use only, do not use outdoors.
- Do not immerse the appliance in water unless it is designed for this purpose.
- Keep hands, fingers, feet, toes and hair away from dangerous moving parts, cutting blades and the like.
- Do not use electrical appliances in the rain.
- Make sure you have dry hands when operating an electrical appliance.
- Do not use a damaged appliance.
- An appliance may not be intended for use by children or people with an illness or disability without supervision.
- Young children should not be allowed to play with the appliance.
- Some appliances require special precautions for installation or user maintenance or both.
- The plug must be removed from the socket-outlet before any cleaning or maintenance is done.
- Do not place cord extension sockets or portable power outlet boards where they may be splashed or where moisture may get in.
- Ensure ventilation holes or outlets are not blocked or partially obstructed.
- If a fixed appliance does not have a supply cord and plug or other means for disconnection from the supply, a means for disconnection must be incorporated into the fixed wiring according to the Wiring Rules.
- If the supply cord or plug is damaged:
 - The manufacturer or its service agent or a similarly qualified person must replace the cord to prevent an accident.
 - Appliances with specially prepared cords must be replaced by a special cord or assembly available from the manufacturer or its service agent.
 - Other appliances that have a supply cord that cannot be replaced, should be scrapped.
- The appliance should be maintained in order to ensure a long, useful life and to protect the operator against electric shock or mechanical mishaps.
- A safety switch can enhance electrical safety when using electrical appliances