

FIRE BLANKETS

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.

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

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

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 clothing catches 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.



Gently place the fire blanket over cooking fat fires, keeping hands and face protected behind it. Do not throw the blanket. Keep the edges of the blanket clear of the fire as flames could 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 Triple Zero (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.

