



Safe use

safe products

Children's Nightwear

All clothing and fabric will burn, and when we use heaters or light fires, we have to be extra careful about the safety of our children's nightwear.

Keep a metre from the heater

This is the golden rule for when children are around a fireplace or heater. Keep children and babies at least one metre from any heat source. This will limit the chances of a child getting too close to a heater and burning themselves.

Use a fire guard – this will significantly reduce the risk of your child getting burnt.

Get the right size and fit

Buy nightwear which is snug fitting whenever possible. Nightwear which fits snugly reduces the risk of catching fire compared with baggy, loose nightwear.

It's important to get the right size for your child. Don't buy garments for your child to "grow into" as this may mean they aren't as snug fitting as the manufacturer intended. This also includes any hand-me-downs you get.

Labels

There are three labels for children's nightwear:

White Label

**LOW FIRE
DANGER**

This means that the garment is a lower fire risk. It is either made of a fabric that burns more slowly, or is designed to be worn snug-fitting to reduce the risk of the garment catching fire.

Buy "Low Fire Danger" labelled children's nightwear whenever possible, but remember that "low fire danger" doesn't mean there's no fire danger.

Orange Label

**CAUTION
NOT HEAT OR FLAME
RESISTANT
WEAR SNUG-FITTING
TO REDUCE RISK**

This means that the garment is made of a higher fire risk fabric and is designed to be worn snug-fitting to reduce the risk of the garment catching fire. Make sure that nightwear with this label fits children snugly.

Red Label



This means that the garment is a higher fire risk. If you must use this type of garment, use them in summer rather than winter, as it is less likely to catch fire from a heater or fireplace.

Hints for the home sewer

- Polyester does not burn as quickly as cotton and is suitable for children's nightwear.
- If you are using cotton, make close-fitting, ski-type pyjamas. Flames do not spread so quickly over close-fitting garments.
- For either type of fabric, use polyester thread.

More information

The Commerce Commission enforces the Children's Nightwear Product Safety Standard.

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