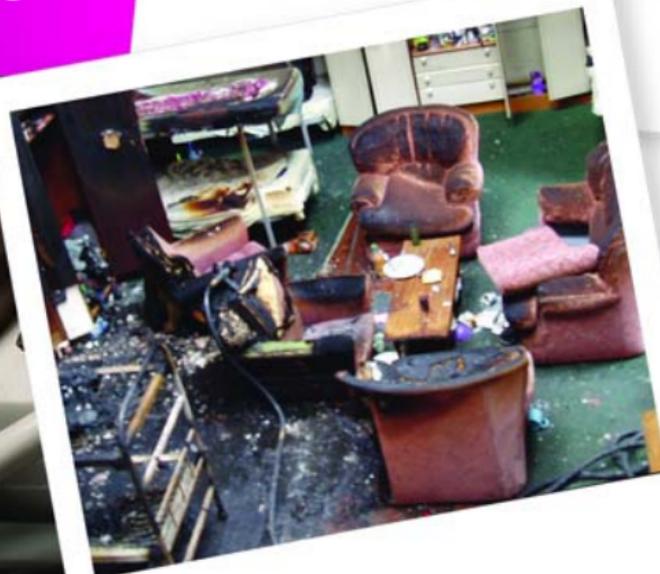


# Adapt your electrical appliances for safe UK use



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## Dangers of using foreign electrical appliances in the UK

Using foreign appliances in UK sockets is dangerous if their plugs have not been converted for UK use. This could cause a fire or electric shock.

- The plug and socket could overheat and start a fire
- The appliance cable could overheat and start a fire
- You could get an electric shock
- Lack of fuse protection increases the risk of fire



Do not put yourself or others at risk by using foreign electrical plugs in UK sockets



## Benefits of using an EU conversion plug

The plug can be fitted easily, quickly and safely

- It will make the electrical appliance safe for use in UK sockets
- It will reduce the risk of fire
- It will reduce the risk of electric shock



*2.5 amp with EU conversion plug*



*correct use of 16 amp EU plug*

## What is a fuse?

- It is a safety device fitted in all UK 13 A plugs and EU conversion plugs.
- Its purpose is to protect the cable from taking too much electric current and overheating
- It will cut off an electrical current in the event of a fault

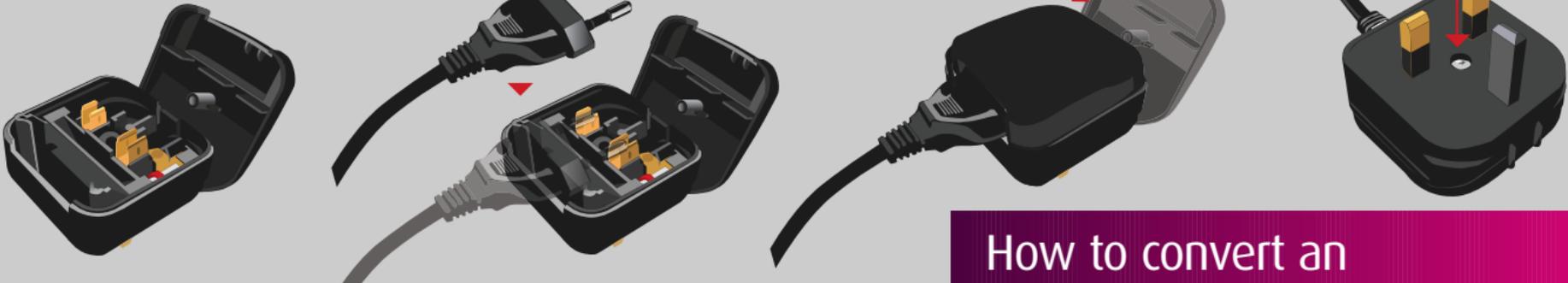


## Further advice

- Always check that the type of conversion plug you use is suitable for the EU plug
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when fitting a conversion plug
- Do not use travel adaptors long term. They are not a suitable or safe alternative for continuous use
- We recommend you replace the appliance with a UK standard electrical product if the plug is not suitable for conversion

1

2 pin European converter plug guidance



How to convert an EU plug for safe UK use

2

3 pin European converter plug guidance





CFOA supports the Electrical Safety Council's aim to reduce the risk of fires caused by electricity

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