

Electric blanket exchange!

As the colder weather bites the City of Edinburgh Council is running an electric blanket exchange at Oxfords Library.

The Council is urging people to check their electric blankets are safe and is hosting an electric blanket exchange at the library between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Tuesday 2 November.

Faulty electric blankets have been identified as the cause of one in ten deaths in household fires started by electrical appliances.

The Electric Safety Council recommends that electric blankets older than 10 years should no longer be used. New blankets should be bought from a reputable retailer and people are advised to check the product for the UK Safety standard mark.

Councillor Robert Aldridge, Environment Leader, said: "Before the cold nights really begin to draw in, and people dig out their electric blankets, we would urge them to get them checked out as they may not be as safe as they think. We are delighted to be able to hand out these safe blankets to local residents and would urge people to take up the offer for a safer winter."

The public should bring their old electric blankets along to Oxfords Library on 2 November where they will be exchanged for a brand new double electric blanket. Numbers are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis.

Oxfords Library celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Tell your friends!