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Cheap chargers could cause fires

KCC Trading Standards is warning consumers to not buy cheap chargers as they may not be made to the same EU and UK safety standards as genuine chargers.

Cheap generic chargers and fake chargers can be found online and in market stalls for a fraction of the price of genuine products.

But these products come with a risk and may cause fires and injuries.

If you have bought a cheap charger and notice it has loose casing and pins, do not use it. Report it to us online.

- Don't leave electrical products charging over night
- Don't charge your electrical product on a flammable surface like carpet
- Don't overload your sockets

Don't risk it.

- Buy chargers from a reputable retailer or from a manufacturer
- Only use branded chargers for the product it is designed to charge
- Follow the manufacturers instructions

Sheffield fire deaths: Faulty charger likely cause

“A fire which killed five people was most likely caused by an “electrical fault involving a faulty charging device”, investigators have said.”

Read full article at

bbc.co.uk/news/uk-27390466

How dangerous are phone chargers?

“What risks do chargers pose? And what can you do to minimise these?”

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