

Electrical Safety Sockets – Alert and Notice of Action

Dear Colleagues,

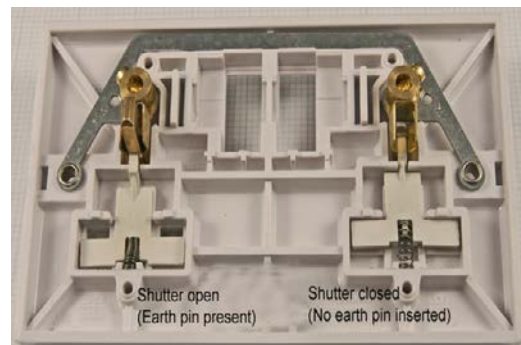
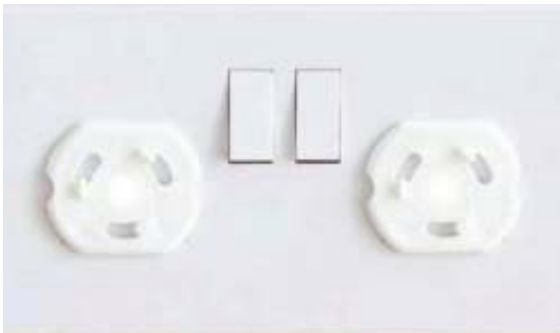
The Department of Health have advised that the use of plastic 13A electrical socket inserts/covers/protectors are not required and should not be used as they can create a safety hazard.



What does this mean?

Any 13 Amp socket outlets that fully conform to the product standard, BS1363, have built in safety shutters and they are widely judged to be the safest design currently installed in Europe.

Plastic electrical socket covers can overcome the safety features designed into the socket outlets. If misused, the insertion of these covers can damage the socket, or if they break whilst in use, can allow foreign objects to be inserted into the live part, therefore providing a high risk of electric shock.



What do I need to do?

- 1) Any 13A electrical socket inserts currently in use should be withdrawn immediately.
- 2) Please check for damage to the socket. If there are visible signs of damage or if you have concerns, please contact the Property Hotline on [01926\) 414123](tel:01926414123).
- 3) Please dispose of the socket cover(s) via the recyclable waste stream.

Note: You are not required to cover sockets with any alternative product however, if as part of assessing the risk you decide that you want to prevent access, you can consider doing this by other means. For example, placing furniture in front or ensuring children or vulnerable adults are supervised in that area at all times.

For further information and a [demonstration video](#), please go to the following website, <http://www.fatallyflawed.org.uk/>