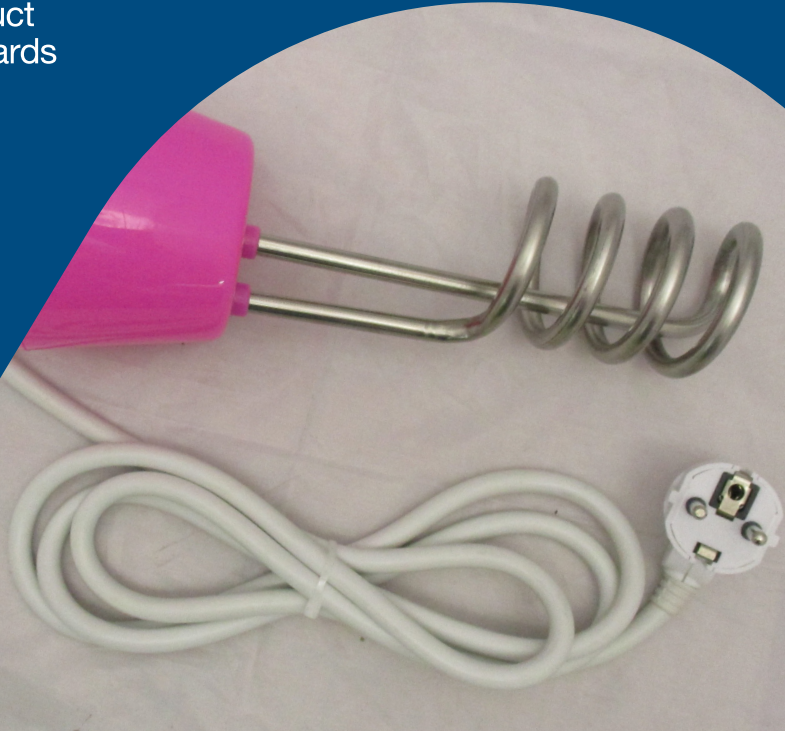




Office for Product
Safety & Standards



Stay safe this staycation

Getting ready for a summer staycation? Many of us will be buying new items to take us through the summer holidays, such as phone chargers, sunglasses, suntan lotion and even immersion heaters to heat up our paddling pools.

#StaySafeStaycation #StaySafeSummer

Stay safe this staycation

How do you know you are getting a good quality product? Buying a bargain is always tempting, but if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Many of these so-called bargains are harmful and could cause injury, sometimes severe. Bargain electrical goods, such as pool immersion heaters and phone chargers, may not be manufactured to high standards, and can overheat, catch fire or electrocute.

Counterfeit sun cream and sunglasses may offer low or no protection from the sun's rays.



Top tips for safe staycation shopping this summer

Compare the price

If it is a fraction of the price then it is likely to be counterfeit.



Check the address on the product

If there is no address or just a PO box number, it could mean it is poorly manufactured.



Examine the product

Are the label and logo correct? Genuine products have standardised logos, fonts and colours. Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors can also indicate fakes.



Electrical goods that are poorly manufactured may be missing parts, or not have safety certification on the product label. Check for product registration cards and the manual.



Check if model numbers are listed on the manufacturer's website.



**If in doubt, check it out.
Just because you can buy it,
doesn't mean it is safe.**

Read our guidance in full:
[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/
consumer-product-safety-
advice-for-staying-safe](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consumer-product-safety-advice-for-staying-safe)