

Kitchen machines

Safe use advice for electric kitchen machines intended for household and similar use with a rated voltage of not more than 250V.

This **safe use** advice also applies to appliances not intended for normal household use, and may be useful to laypersons in shops, light industry and on farms and other premises.

Examples of these machines are;

- Food mixers
- Cream whippers
- Egg beaters
- Blenders
- Sieving machines
- Churns
- Ice-cream machines, including those for use in refrigerators and freezers
- Citrus fruit squeezers
- Centrifugal juicers
- Mincers
- Noodle makers
- Berry juice extractors
- Slicing machines
- Beans slicers
- Potato peelers
- Graters and shredders
- Knife sharpeners
- Can openers
- Knife
- Food processors
- Coffee mills not exceeding 500g hopper capacity
- Grain grinders not exceeding 3 litres hopper capacity.

This advice is not intended to replace specific manufacturer's information but can be used as a general guide.

This advice does not cater for young children or people who are physically weak.

When using the appliance:

- Some kitchen machines are designed for a specific time period.
- Some slicing machines are designed with a base having a plain surface beneath the sliding feed table. These machines should be used with the sliding feed table and the piece holder in position unless this is not possible due to the size or shape of the food.

- Care should be taken when handling the cutting blades on food processors, emptying the bowl and during cleaning.
- Use only the accessories supplied with the appliance.
- Remove the plug from the socket-outlet before cleaning the appliance.

You are urged to:

- Use the appliance only for its intended purpose.
- If the appliance is for indoor use only, do not use outdoors.
- Do not immerse the appliance in water unless it is designed for this purpose.
- Keep hands, fingers, feet, toes and hair away from dangerous moving parts, cutting blades and the like.
- Do not use electrical appliances in the rain.
- Make sure you have dry hands when operating an electrical appliance.
- Do not use a damaged appliance.
- An appliance may not be intended for use by children or people with an illness or disability without supervision.
- Young children should not be allowed to play with the appliance.
- Some appliances require special precautions for installation or user maintenance or both.
- The plug must be removed from the socket-outlet before any cleaning or maintenance is done.
- Do not place cord extension sockets or portable power outlet boards where they may be splashed or where moisture may get in.
- Ensure ventilation holes or outlets are not blocked or partially obstructed.
- If a fixed appliance does not have a supply cord and plug or other means for disconnection from the supply, a means for disconnection must be incorporated into the fixed wiring according to the Wiring Rules.
- If the supply cord or plug is damaged:
 - The manufacturer or its service agent or a similarly qualified person must replace the cord to prevent an accident.
 - Appliances with specially prepared cords must be replaced by a special cord or assembly available from the manufacturer or its service agent.
 - Other appliances that have a supply cord that cannot be replaced, should be scrapped.
- The appliance should be maintained in order to ensure a long, useful life and to protect the operator against electric shock or mechanical mishaps.
- A safety switch can enhance electrical safety when using electrical appliances