

Student Guidance: Computer Related Accidents



Tips to minimise the risk of a computer-related accident:

- Site your computer near an electric socket to avoid trailing wires across the floor
- Take care not to overload electric sockets; use trailing multi-socket units rather than plug adapters
- If you use an extension cable make sure it doesn't overheat and nobody can trip over it
- Always follow installation and service instructions in your computer guidebook closely.
If in doubt, leave it to the experts
- Electricity and water do not mix - keep drinks and plants well away from computers
- Keep portable mains operated appliances out of the bathroom
- Regularly check all electrical equipment for damaged plugs or frayed cables
- Computers are large and bulky pieces of equipment,
move them only if you feel confident in doing so, especially up and down stairs.
- Use a trolley and a lift and ask for help.
- Do not allow children to move computers
- Do not allow children to play on or with computer swivel chairs
- Make sure the computer is sited in a position where you have plenty of room to move and
to be able to get out of the room in an emergency.

