

Small electrical accessories

Information for overseas students coming to the UK



Switching on to the BSI Kitemark™

Coming to the UK as a foreign student?

You'll need to bring or buy quite a bit of electrical equipment — laptops, kettles, hairdryers, etc — and you'll need to be sure it won't let you down.

The electrical accessories you use — plugs, chargers, USB charging units, adaptors, travel adaptors etc — will be key.

How can you tell whether these products are safe and 'fit for purpose' in the UK?

The answer is simple: look for the BSI Kitemark.

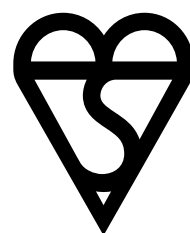
Introduced way back in 1903, the Kitemark is awarded to manufacturers all over the world if — and only if — they exceed the minimum legal requirements. To put it another way, Kitemarked products are extra 'special' — extra reliable, extra safe — because the people who make them 'go the extra mile'.

Manufacturers lose their right to use the Kitemark if they let their standards slip and put consumers at risk.

The BSI Kitemark = a good product and a good company.

What does it look like?

The symbol, which will be clearly stamped on the product, is shaped (guess what?) like a kite. It has an 'S' (for standards) in the middle and a sideways 'B' (for British) at the top.



Like all top brands, it can be faked, so make sure it looks just like this. Beware of reverse 'Ss' and poorly drawn kites. They're signs the maker or seller is ripping you off.

You should also check out the licence number on the back. This should be the letters KM followed by five or six digits, usually between 1 and 9. Beware of a string of zeroes: they mean just that, zero.

Get switched on. Switch on to BSI Kitemark.

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