

# How to...

# change a light bulb



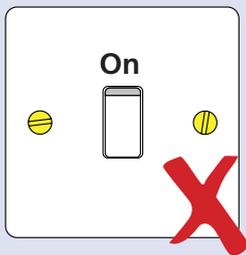
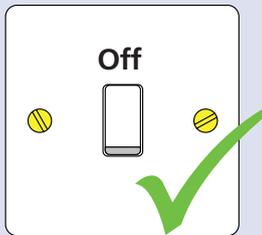
## Step 1: Power supply

Make sure you turn off the ceiling light using the light switch. You should also unplug a lighting fixture before you change the light bulb.

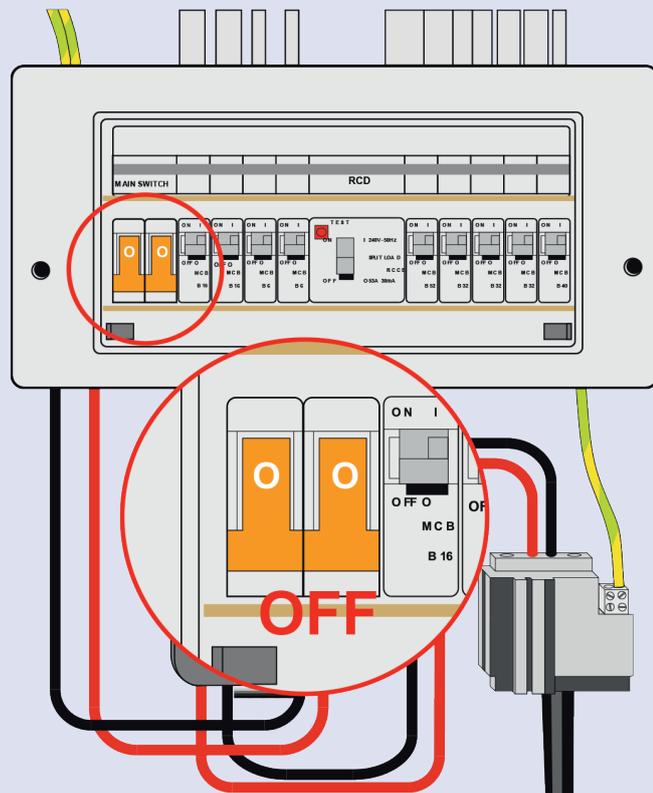
If you're unsure whether you have turned off the power supply, then go to your electric consumer unit and switch off at the mains.

Give the bulb a chance to cool down and move any furniture to give you space to put suitable access equipment underneath, eg a set of steps, so you can work without overreaching.

It is also an idea when removing bulbs to cover the bulb with tissue, just in case it breaks in your hand.



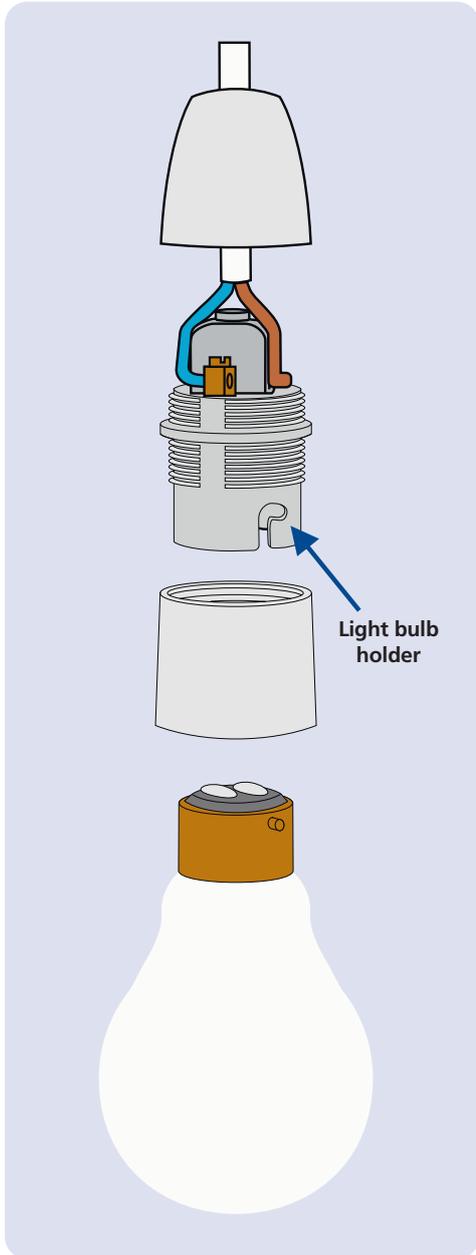
  
Do not use any of your furniture to stand on to change a light bulb.



Electric Consumer Unit

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## Step 2: Remove the bulb



Remove the bulb from the light bulb holder carefully, without applying too much pressure, otherwise you may break the bulb.

**There are four main types of light bulb fittings as shown below:**

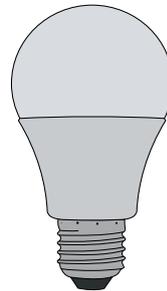


Bayonet



Mains-voltage halogen lamp

To remove the bulbs shown above, push slightly and turn anticlockwise. To reinsert, push slightly and turn clockwise.



Screw



Low-voltage halogen lamp

To unscrew the bulb on the left, turn anticlockwise. To fit, turn clockwise.

For the bulb on the right, simply pull out carefully and replace by pushing.

## Step 3: Replacement bulb

Insert a replacement bulb lightly but firmly into the socket.

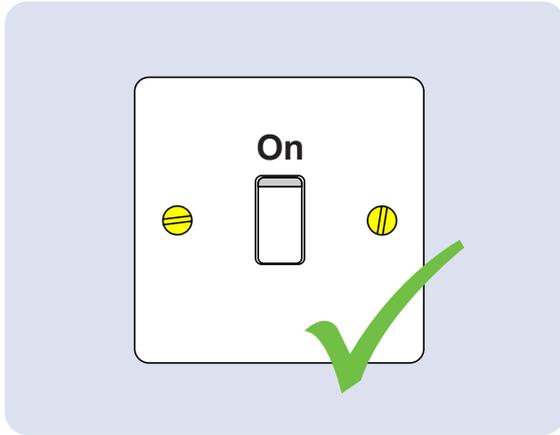
Depending on the type, turn it clockwise until it locks into place or keep gently twisting clockwise until it won't go any further. **(Look at step 2)**



Follow the manufacturer's guidelines when selecting a new bulb (this can be found on the packaging).

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## Step 4: Restore the power

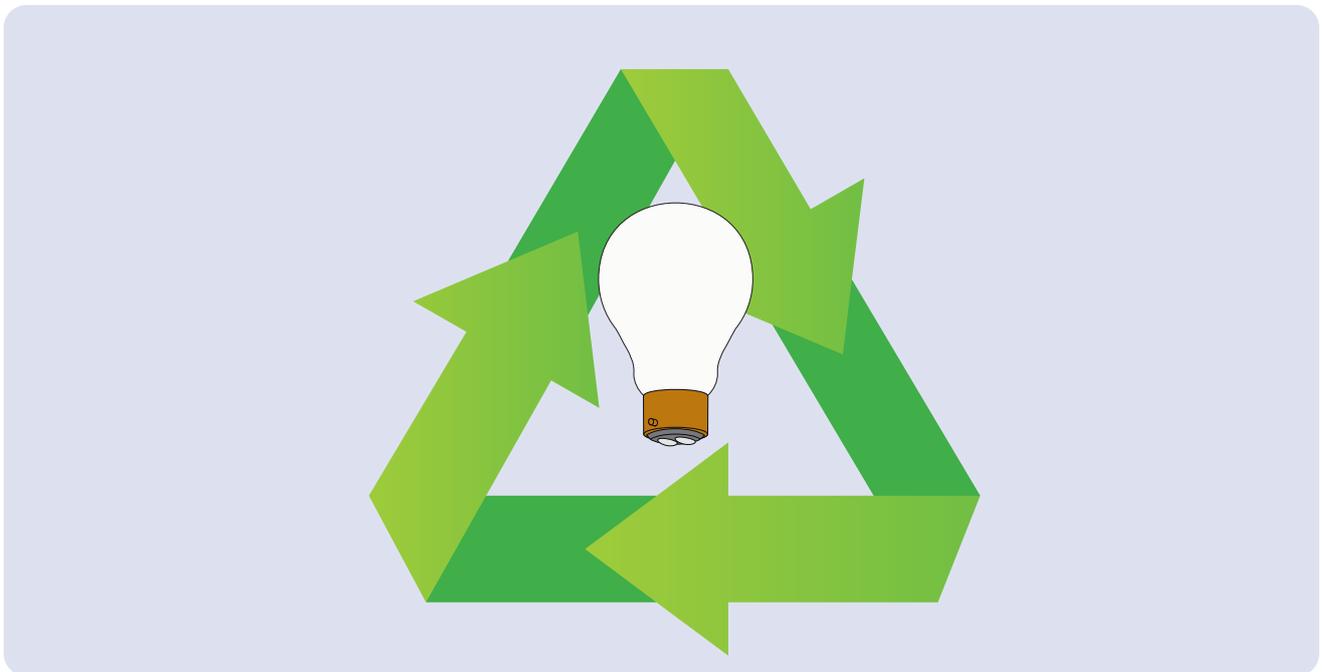


Once the bulb is in, turn the power back on again and switch on the light.

If the bulb doesn't work, it may be faulty. To check this, take a bulb from another fitting that is working and restore the power. If this light bulb works, it means the new light bulb is faulty, and you will need to get another one and repeat the process.

If the light still doesn't work, you need to get professional help to sort out the issue.

## Step 5: Dispose of old light bulbs



**Standard light bulbs** should be disposed of in normal household waste.

If a bulb is broken, wrap it first in paper or plastic before placing it in your bin. This prevents broken edges from cutting through your bin bag and creating a mess, and it helps protect you and others from accidental injury.

**Halogen light bulbs** should be disposed of in normal household waste.