Safety Overview

Read this entire chapter before operating your espresso machine. The machine combines high temperatures, pressurized water, and mains electricity. Most accidents are avoidable with the practices summarized below; the warning topics that follow expand on the most consequential hazards.

- Place the machine on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface with at least 10 cm of clearance on every side.
- Keep the machine out of reach of children, and do not let anyone unfamiliar with the manual operate it.
- Never run the machine without water in the reservoir.
- Unplug the machine before any cleaning, descaling, or maintenance that exposes internal parts.
- Inspect the power cord regularly. If it shows damage, take the machine out of service until the cord is replaced by an authorized technician.