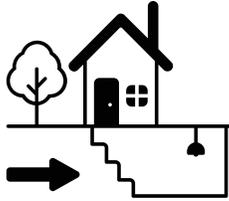


Home Fire Prevention Checklist & Safety Tips

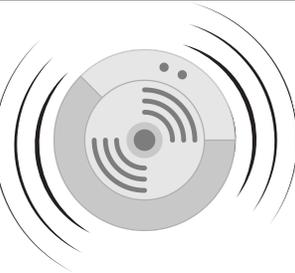
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Do you have smoke alarms on every floor of your home (including the basement area) - and near or inside all sleeping areas?

- New construction requires a smoke alarm in each bedroom. It is recommended that alarms be wired together so that if one sounds, they all sound.

2



Do your smoke alarms work?

- It is a recommended best practice to test smoke alarms monthly!
- Smoke alarms save lives, as long as they are in present and working condition. Working smoke alarms in the home cut the risk of a fire casualty in half.

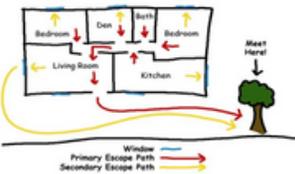
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Have you checked how old your smoke alarms are?

- Smoke alarms have an expiration date! Make sure you replace your smoke alarms every ten years.
- Combination smoke alarms may have an even shorter expiration date. Refer to manufacture expiration date.

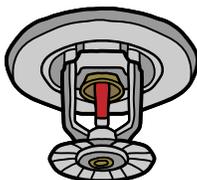
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Does your family have a home fire escape plan?

- Do you practice it every six (6) months?
- Does everyone know where the meeting place is?
- Does everyone know to stay outside and not go back into a burning building? Wait for the fire department, they will help!

5



Automatic home fire sprinkler systems can control or extinguish fires in less time than it takes the fire department to arrive. Have you considered installing them in your home?

- For more information on home fire sprinkler systems you can visit: www.homefiresprinkler.org

Source: NFPA.org



Kitchen/Cooking Safety Tips

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Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries.

- The LEADING cause of cooking fires is unattended cooking.
- Use a timer when you are cooking. A timer can prevent you from forgetting that you are cooking.

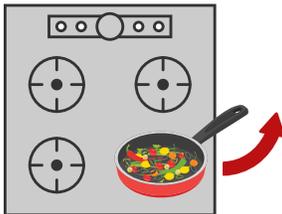
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Is your stovetop clean- no grease, spills, or clutter?

- Flammable items should be kept away from the stove (i.e. dishcloths, oven mitts, food packaging, etc.).

3



Are pan handles turned toward the back of the stove?

- It is a safe practice to turn pan handles toward the back of the stove to help prevent accidentally knocking the pan off of the stove, or kids from pulling it down onto themselves.

4



Do you have a large lid or baking sheet nearby?

- If a fire starts in your pan, take the lid or baking sheet and slide it over the fire to smother it out. Turn the heat off and leave the pan covered until it is cooled.

5



Other helpful tips:

- If a pan is on fire, refrain from attempting to move the pan to the sink. Moving the pan may spread the fire or increase your risk of injury.
- If a fire starts in your oven or microwave keep the door shut. If the oven is on fire, turn it off. If the microwave is on fire, unplug it.

Source: NFPA.org



Candle Safety Tips

1



Do you use sturdy candle holders that will not easily tip over?

- Make sure burning candles are placed at least 3 inches apart from each other.
- To prevent burns, do not move a burning candle or a candle with liquefied wax. Wait for the candle to cool down.

2



Are candles located on sturdy and clutter-free surfaces?

- Keep any flammable items at least twelve (12) inches away from burning candles.

3



Do you always extinguish a candle before you leave the room?

- Burning candles should never be left unattended.
- Make sure to extinguish candles before going to bed.
- Refrain from using candles in bedrooms or in areas where people sleep.

4



Do you keep candles out of reach from children and pets?

- Do not place a burning candle where it can easily be knocked over by children, pets, or anyone else.

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Other helpful tips:

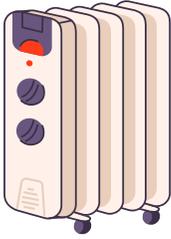
- Follow the manufacturer's burn time recommendations to know the proper burn use of a candle. Typically, it is not recommended that candles are left to burn for more than four hours at a time.
- Extinguish a candle before it reaches the bottom of its holder.

Source: NFPA.org



Heating Equipment Safety Tips

1



Are space heaters at least three (3) feet away from walls and anything else that can burn?

- Plug your space heater directly into an outlet.
- Shut off and unplug heaters when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Half of home heating fire deaths occurred because heating equipment was too close to things that can burn (i.e. furniture, clothing, bedding, mattresses).

2



Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?

- Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place the ashes in a metal container and keep it at a safe distance from your home.

Never use your oven for heating.

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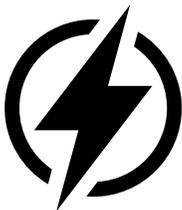


Has your heating system been professionally inspected or serviced in the past twelve (12) months?

Has your chimney been inspected or cleaned in the past twelve (12) months?

House Wiring Safety Tips

1



Do your fuses or circuit breakers match the circuits they protect? (Have them professionally inspected) A new device required in many areas is an AFCI (arc-fault circuit-interrupter), which detects abnormal arcing in a circuit.

Are bathroom and kitchen outlets protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCI's)?

Source: NFPA.org

