

There's no place like home!

Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke.



Here are some important ways to keep your home safe from fire.
Make these a top priority.

In the Kitchen

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Take these steps today to prevent a cooking fire in your home:

- ☐ Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- ☐ If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.
- ☐ Keep things that can burn away from your cooking area.
- ☐ Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they won't get bumped.

Safe Home Heating

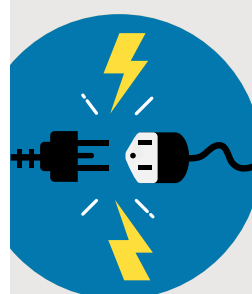
Heating is the second leading cause of home fires. You can prevent a heating fire with these simple steps:

- ☐ Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, portable heaters, and radiators.
- ☐ When you leave a room or go to bed, turn heaters off or unplug them.
- ☐ Have your furnace, chimney, and chimney connector inspected by a professional each winter. Make repairs before cool weather sets in.

Electrical Sense

Follow these safety tips to prevent an electrical fire:

- ☐ Plug only one heat-producing appliance into the electrical outlet. Never use an extension cord. Examples of heat-producing appliances are: microwave, coffee maker, and portable heater.
- ☐ Extension cords are for temporary use only.
- ☐ If you have an electrical cord that is frayed or broken, don't use it.



Plug portable heaters directly into the outlet.

Don't use an extension cord. Make sure your heater has an automatic shut-off switch that turns it off if it tips over.

Home Protection

Fire prevention is important, but also make sure you and your home are protected.

- ☐ Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas.
- ☐ Test your alarms each month.
- ☐ Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.

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Fire is fast! In less than 30 seconds a small flame can turn into a major fire. Smoke and toxic gases from a home fire kill more people than flames. Every home needs fire protection and a plan for escape.

Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms give you early warning if there is a fire. Make sure your home is protected. Do this today.

- ☐ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- ☐ Place smoke alarms inside and outside of all the sleeping areas.
- ☐ Make sure all of your smoke alarms work. Test them each month.
- ☐ Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older.

Children

Children under the age of four are at a higher risk of home fire injury and death than older children. Plan for this.

- ☐ Teach all children what the smoke alarm sounds like.
- ☐ Be aware that children may sleep through the sound of the smoke alarm.
- ☐ Practice your escape plan with children.
- ☐ Teach older children how to get outside if there is a fire.

Escape Plan

You may have less than three minutes to escape a home fire. Every second counts. Make a plan. Talk with your family about what to do if there is a fire. Practice your escape plan.

- ☐ Know two ways out of every room.
- ☐ A closed door can stop the spread of gas, heat and smoke.
- ☐ Have a meeting place outside your home.
- ☐ Know how to call 9-1-1 from outside to report a fire.
- ☐ Practice your escape plan with everyone who lives in your home at least twice a year.



Did you buy a home with installed fire sprinklers?

Learn how this fire safety system saves lives and protects your property and valuables:
<http://homefiresprinkler.org>