

FIRE SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME



**HOME FIRE
SAFETY TIPS**

Don't wonder what you would do in a fire emergency—know!

Fire is the fourth largest accidental killer in the United States. It is also the disaster that families are most likely to experience — **IS YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE?**

Kitchen Fire Safety

Watch what you put on the stove. An electric coil reaches a temperature of 800 degrees. A gas flame goes over 1000 degrees. Your dishtowel or potholder can catch fire at only 400 degrees.

So can your

bathrobe, apron, or other loose clothing! You should never put anything on the stove you don't want to heat and **NEVER**

leave cooking unattended. Clean

exhaust hood and duct over stove regularly. Wipe up spilled grease as soon as the surface of the stove is cool.

Keep a fire extinguisher mounted nearby. Watch young children closely while they are in the kitchen; keep all pot handles pointed

toward the back of the stove and use back burners whenever possible. **NEVER**

pour water on a grease fire—it scatters the flame.

Cover the pan with a lid, or close the oven door and turn the stove off.



Fire Extinguisher

Learn how to use your fire extinguisher before there is an emergency.

Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, garage and workshop. Purchase ABC type for extinguishing all types of fires.

Remember, use extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call your fire department.

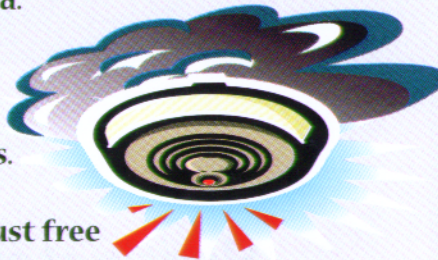
Smoke Detectors

Install a smoke detector on each level of your home or apartment and in every sleeping area.

Smoke is responsible for 3 out of 4 fire deaths.

Keep smoke detectors dust free and change

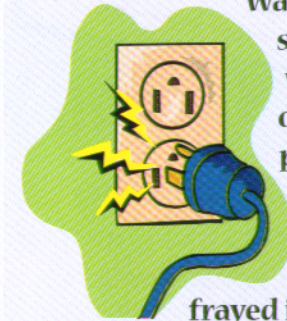
batteries at least once a year. **Test all smoke detectors once a month.**



Wiring/Extension Cords

In many older homes, capacity of the wiring system has not kept pace with today's modern appliances. **Overloaded electrical systems invite fire.**

Watch for these overloaded signals: dimming lights when an appliance goes on. A shrinking TV picture. Slow heating appliances (like a toaster) Fuses blowing frequently. Check for



frayed insulation, damaged cords, loose connections and loose wall receptacles.

Clothes Dryers

Never put synthetic fabrics, plastic, rubber or foam in your dryer, because they retain heat. Clean lint screen before and after use.

Dryers must be vented to outside and plugged into own outlet. **Never leave**

home with the dryer running.



ESCAPE PLANNING

Establish a fire escape plan.

Every room should have 2 means of escape. Make sure all windows can be opened from the inside and are not painted shut.

An exit route out of the house without opening a bedroom door is

important. Decide on a meeting place for all family members away from the house. If you suspect fire, get out and call the fire department from your neighbor's house. Never re-enter.



IN CASE OF FIRE

First Thing—Don't Panic!

Open doors carefully, only after feeling them to see if they are hot. Stay close to the floor as smoke and hot gases rise.

Breathe through a cloth and take short, shallow breaths. Follow your pre-planned escape route. **Remember, being prepared could save your life and those you love!**

Rules for Fire Safety

- NEVER wear loose clothing while cooking.
- NEVER leave cooking unattended.
- NEVER overload electrical outlets.
- NEVER leave home with the dryer running.
- ALWAYS test smoke detectors once a month.
- PLAN your home exit drill and PRACTICE it!
- REMEMBER-NEVER go back into your home if it is on fire!

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