

HOW ELECTRIC FIRES TO PREVENT

- ⚡ Avoid extension cords. Never run cords under rugs or across walkways.
- ⚡ Make sure appliances have the approval of a testing laboratory, such as UL
- ⚡ Never overload electrical outlets.
- ⚡ Lights flicker? Switches are hot to the touch? Contact a licensed electrician right away .
- ⚡ Check cords and plugs for for wear.

HOW COOKING FIRE TO PREVENT

- 01 Be alert. If you are sleepy or you are intoxicated, avoid using the oven or stove.
- 02 Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- 03 Keep cooking surfaces clean.
- 04 Hang curtain, potholders, and dish towels at least three feet from the stove.
- 05 Supervise children in the kitchen at all times.
- 06 Avoid cooking in loose fitting clothes or sleeves that dangle.
- 07 Cook with the **lowest effective heat**.

WHAT CAUSES HOME FIRES?

- 01 Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, starting nearly 50% of all fires.
- 02 Heating is the second highest cause, followed by electrical systems/lighting equipment and intentional fires.
- 03 Smoking is the fifth highest cause, but it is the leading cause of fire deaths.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Properly installed smoke alarms play a critical role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Almost 60% of home fire deaths were caused by fires in homes with no smoke alarms or ones that failed to operate.

Having working smoke alarms reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by 55%

IF A FIRE STARTS



- ✔ If the fire continues, do not worry about your possessions. GET OUT, STAY OUT, and CALL 9-1-1 .
- ✔ If you live in a building with elevators, use the stairs .
- ✔ If closed doors or handles are warm or smoke blocks your primary escape route, use your second way out . Never open doors that are warm
- ✔ If you must escape through smoke, get low and stay low .
- ✔ If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit, stay in the room with the doors closed . Place a wet towel under the door. Call 9-1-1. Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- ✔ Keep matches and lighters away from children – they are tools, not toys.
- ✔ Avoid candles. If you do use them, remember: When you go out – blow it out!
- ✔ Keep flammable materials away from heat sources.
- ✔ Keep proper fire extinguishers on hand know how to use them.
- ✔ Have a fire escape plan and practice fire drills at least twice per year.
- ✔ Keep doors closed . Closed doors can slow the spread of a fire.



HOW SMOKING FIRES TO PREVENT

- ✔ Avoiding smoking entirely is the most effective way to prevent a fire.
- ✔ Never smoke in bed or when sleepy.
- ✔ Smoke outside. Most smoking related fires start inside.
- ✔ If smoking inside, check for cigarette butts in chairs and sofas.
- ✔ Make sure that smoking materials are completely extinguished and ashtrays are cleaned when cool.



HOW HEATING FIRES TO PREVENT

- ✔ Have chimneys cleaned and inspected each year.
- ✔ Ensure fires are completely out before leaving.
- ✔ Keep combustible materials at least three feet from all heat sources.
- ✔ Never hang holiday decorations from heat sources.
- ✔ Use a fire screen on fireplaces to contain sparks.
- ✔ Make sure all space heaters are clean and in good working condition.
- ✔ Use space heaters that have thermostat controls and will turn off if tipped over.

