

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Keep flammable items at least three feet away from anything that gets hot.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Keep flammable items like towels and clothing away from the stove.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and learn how to use it.
- Keep blankets, curtains, furniture and other flammable items away from heaters.
- Plug heaters directly into a wall socket and unplug when not in use.
- Never overload electrical outlets.
- Avoid running cords under carpet and furniture.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including sleeping areas.
- Test and dust smoke alarms monthly, change the batteries yearly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Make a fire escape plan with two exits out of every room.
- Practice your fire escape plan twice a year.
- Identify an outside meeting place to gather after escaping.
- Teach children that firefighters are their friends who can help.



IN CASE OF A FIRE

- **FOLLOW YOUR ESCAPE PLAN.**
- Feel closed doors. If the door is hot, use your second way out.
- If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to escape.
- If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the doors closed. Signal for help using a bright cloth at the window. If there is a phone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.
- Go to your outside meeting place and then call for help.
- Remember to **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 9-1-1** or call your local emergency phone number.



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