

Fire Prevention Safety Tips

We are always helping others in their time of need...
Fire Prevention Week is a great time to stop and make
sure our families are safe!

Protect Your Family From Fire!

Protecting your home and family from fire requires planning and prudence. Here are five easy steps to make your home safer:

1. Install smoke alarms in hallways and in each bedroom. Many states require smoke alarms before you can sell a home, so it is quite likely you already have them. Push the test button and make sure your smoke alarms still work. Change the batteries at least once a year. A good rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks back to standard time from daylight savings.
2. Keep clutter away from clothes dryers, heaters, water heaters, furnaces, radiators, boilers, stove and ovens. Clean lint regularly that forms around clothes dryers—don't forget the inside of the vent hose.
3. Draw up an escape plan in case of fire. Make sure there are two exits from every room. If you have a multi-story home, put fire ladders in each room above ground level. Practice evacuating with the family at least twice a year. A perfect time to practice evacuating is when you're changing the batteries and testing the smoke alarms. Pick a spot outside where the entire family should meet. That way, if someone is missing, you can tell the fire department when they respond.
4. Put a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and the laundry room. Make sure the extinguisher is capable of putting out all three types of fires. Learn how to use the fire extinguisher before you need it. Some fires can be easily extinguished even without an extinguisher if you know how. Grease fires, for example, can often be put out by simply covering them with pot tops, or anything in kitchen bigger than the size fire.
5. Use caution when burning candles. Better yet, toss out all your candles. For emergency light during power failures, use flashlight or battery powered lanterns.

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