

SAFE AT HOME / FIRE DO'S & DON'TS



THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

Don't be one of the 4,500 Americans who die in fires every year. Follow these easy tips to stay safe in your home.

- DO install a smoke detector on every level.
- DO plan your escape routes in case fire does strike.

Bedroom

- DON'T smoke in bed.
- DON'T place heaters within 3 feet of flammable materials.
- DON'T use heaters to dry clothes.
- DON'T use extension cords with portable heaters.
- DON'T leave heaters unattended or sleep while they are on.
- DO unplug heaters after you turn them off.

Living/Family Room

- DON'T put ashtrays on chairs or sofa arms.
- DON'T staple electrical cords to walls or otherwise pierce the insulation.
- DON'T leave unattended cigarettes burning in ashtrays.
- DON'T run electrical cord under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- DO clean chimneys yearly.

Kitchen

- DON'T leave food unattended on the stove. If you must leave the kitchen, take a utensil along as a reminder.
- DON'T cook while wearing sleeves that can dangle near burners.
- DON'T let grease build up on your stove or oven.
- DON'T overload electrical outlets with appliances.
- DON'T let curtains hang near range.
- Do check the kitchen before bed. Oven off? Coffee pot unplugged?

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FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

General Safety

- **SMOKE DETECTORS** placed near bedrooms and on every level.
- **SMOKE DETECTORS'** batteries tested monthly.
- **Emergency numbers** - know when and how to call for help.
- **Doors, hallways, and stairs** clear of obstructions.

Electrical Safety

- **No flammable materials** (such as furniture, clothes, curtains, or towels) within 3 feet of space heaters or stoves.
- **No flammable liquids** stored near ignition sources.
- **No frayed or cracked electrical cords.**
- **No electrical cords** under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- **No overloaded electrical outlets** or extension cords.
- **No electrical cords** near sink or range.
- **All fuses** in fuse box are correct size.
- **All outlets** have cover plates and no exposed wiring.

Alternate Heating Safety

- **Plug heaters** directly into the wall socket and unplug when not in use.
- **No alternate heaters** placed where they can be knocked over.

Kitchen Safety

- **No small pans** on large burners or large pans on small burners.
- **Dish towels** not to be used as potholders.
- **Turn pot handles** away from front of stove.

Emergency / Fire _____

Police _____

Doctor _____