



Here are some important ways to keep your home safe from fire. Make these a top priority.

## In the Kitchen **Electrical Sense Cooking is the number one cause of home fires.** Follow these safety tips to prevent an electrical Take these steps today to prevent a cooking fire fire: in your home: Plug only one heat-producing appliance into the ☐ Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, electrical outlet. Never use an extension cord. Examples of heat-producing appliances are: broiling, or boiling food. microwave, coffee maker, and portable heater. ☐ If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off. Extension cords are for temporary use only. ☐ Keep things that can burn away from your ☐ If you have an electrical cord that is frayed or cooking area. broken, don't use it. ☐ Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they won't get bumped. **Safe Home Heating** Plug portable heaters directly into the outlet. Heating is the second leading cause of home Don't use an extension cord. fires. You can prevent a heating fire with these Make sure your heater has an simple steps: automatic shut-off switch that turns it off if it tips over. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, portable heaters, and radiators. ☐ When you leave a room or go to bed, turn heaters **Home Protection** off or unplug them. ☐ Have your furnace, chimney, and chimney Fire prevention is important, but also make sure connector inspected by a professional each you and your home are protected. winter. Make repairs before cool weather sets in. ☐ Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas. ☐ Test your alarms each month. Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.



