

Don't Let Your World Go Up In Smoke.

Home Fire Safety Tips For Older Adults

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Prevent home fires.

Protect what matters.

Older adults are more likely to die in home fires. They may move more slowly or have trouble hearing a smoke alarm because of hearing loss.



■ Protect

Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from things that can burn.

Heaters can cause fires if they are too close to furniture, beds, curtains, or other materials that can burn. Turn space heaters off before you leave the home.



■ Prepare

Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. You

should have a smoke alarm inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test to make sure the sound of the alarm is loud enough to wake you.



■ Plan

Make an escape plan around your abilities. If you need to use a wheelchair or cane, make sure you can get to them quickly. Keep glasses or hearing aids next to the bed.