



10 Tips for Home Fire Safety



There are countless reasons why fire tragedies happen, however there are some simple common things that you can do to prevent most of them from happening to your family.



1. Install smoke alarms on each floor of your home and in any area where people sleep. Replace all smoke alarms that are over 10 years old.
2. Plan and practice your family fire escape map and by testing your smoke alarms monthly and holding a fire drill at the same time.
3. Use flameless candles whenever possible, but if you do use traditional candles keep them away from things that can burn and blow them out before you leave the room.
4. Pay attention when you are cooking and never leave the kitchen when food is on the stove. Keep your kitchen clean and separate things that can burn from things in the kitchen that can get hot.
5. Give your space heaters space. At least 3 feet between your heaters and furniture, curtains, and anything that will burn.
6. Keep matches and lighters secured and in an area where the kids cannot access them.
7. Use electricity safely, never use extension cords or plug adapters for permanent power.
8. Install ABC rated fire extinguishers in your kitchen and garage.
9. Ensure that your address is posted so that it is visible from the street day or night.
10. Install a home fire sprinkler system in your home, in homes with sprinklers an astonishing 96% of home fires are extinguished before firefighters arrive.



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