



Fire Safety Tips

This tip sheet is intended to be used as a guide for assessing steps you can take to reduce the risk of fire in your home. “No” answers may indicate a safety hazard; however, this is not an all-inclusive list. Check the NFPA website (www.nfpa.org) for more information.

Fire Exits and Smoke Alarms

- Is there more than one way out of every room in your home?
- Are exit routes kept clear?
- Are there working smoke alarms on every floor of your home and in/near all bedrooms?
- Do you change the batteries in the smoke alarms at least twice a year?
- Have you and your family practiced fire drills?

Heating Elements

- Are the oven, stove and furnace in good repair?
- Do you turn the oven/stove off as soon as you’re finished using it?
- Do you annually inspect your heating system?
- Do you use portable space heaters? Are they in good condition?
- Do you turn portable space heaters off when you’re sleeping or leave your home?

Extension Cords

- Do you use extension cords? Are they in good condition (no frayed wires, etc.)?
- Do you ensure that extension cords are never run under rugs or across doorways?
- Do you use the correct type of extension cord (i.e., different wattages require different types of cords)?

Fireplaces

- Is the chimney cleaned and inspected annually?
- Do you utilize a safety screen to prevent sparks from igniting items?

Other Household Hazards

- Are there GFCI outlets installed in the kitchen and bathrooms?
- Are combustible materials (gasoline, propane) stored outside and away from heat and people?
- Do you extinguish candles and incense upon leaving a room or before sleeping?
- Are there carbon monoxide detectors in your home?
- Is smoking prohibited in your home?