

10 FIRE SAFETY TIPS



To reduce fire danger in
your home

1. Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms



- Smoke alarms warn you of a fire in time to let you escape.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially near each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms regularly by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace weak or dead batteries immediately with new ones.

2. Plan and practice your escape

- Prepare and practice a fire escape plan with every member of your household.
- Identify two ways out of each room.
- Arrange an outside meeting place and a safe location to call 9-1-1.
- If you live in a multi-storey building, don't use elevators in the event of fire.

3. Space heaters needs space

- Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least 1 metre (3 feet) from anything that can burn.
- Never leave heaters on when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Keep children well away from heaters.



4. Smoking is hazardous

- Use deep ashtrays and put water on cigarette butts before putting them in the trash.
- Never smoke when you are in bed, feel drowsy or while on medication.
- Check under and around sofa cushions for smouldering cigarettes before going to bed.



5. Be careful when cooking



- Be alert when you cook, and keep children out of the way.
- Don't wear loose fitting clothing and be careful not to reach over hot burners.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- If a pot catches fire, cover it with a lid to smother the flames and turn off the burner.
- Keep pot handles turned inward.

6. Matches and lighters are for adults

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Teach children that matches and lighters are for adults and are not toys for children.



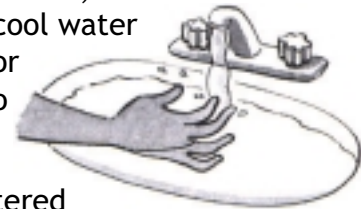
7. Use electricity safely



- If an appliance smokes or smells like it is burning, unplug it immediately and have it repaired.
- Check all of your electrical cords and replace any that are cracked or frayed.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under rugs or carpets.
- Don't tamper with fuse boxes or use fuses of improper size.

8. Cool a burn

- If someone gets burned, immediately run cool water over the wound for 5 to 10 minutes to ease the pain.
- If the burn is blistered or charred, see a doctor immediately.



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.. ,our clothes catch fire, don't run.

- Stop where you are and drop to the ground.
- Cover your face with your hands and roll over and over until the flames are smothered.

10. Crawl low under smoke

- If you are caught in smoke, stay close to the floor.
- Get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

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