

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE DEPT.:

POLICE:

DOCTOR:

HOSPITAL:

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Contact your local fire company for more information about preventing house fires and how to safeguard you and your family.

Call 911 if there is a fire or emergency.

ALMOST HALF A MILLION HOUSE FIRES ARE REPORTED EACH YEAR — A FACT THAT PUNCTUATES THE NEED FOR HOME FIRE SAFETY MEASURES.

INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING SMOKE DETECTORS, ELIMINATING FIRE HAZARDS AND USING COMMON SENSE ARE THE BEST WAYS TO GUARD AGAINST HOUSE FIRES.



SAFEGUARDS
against
HOUSE FIRES

USE COMMON SENSE

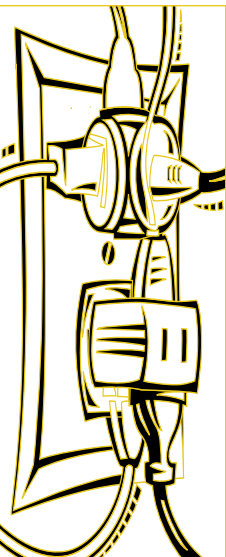
Fire extinguishers should be kept handy in the kitchen, basement and garage and used only on very small fires. If the fire continues even after the fire extinguisher has been emptied, leave the house and call the fire department.

Another important tip is to pay attention in the kitchen. The majority of fires that start in the kitchen are the result of the cook becoming distracted and allowing grease to overheat on the stove. To extinguish a grease fire, it's best to smother it with another frying pan or metal lid. Never use water since splashing grease could spread the fire.

Never smoke in bed. Although this tip seems to be common sense, smoking is the cause of many fires.

It is important to note that of all the common sense tactics listed above, the best one to remember is to escape at the first sign of a fire, then call for help from a neighbor's house.

FIRE HAZARDS



Maintain furnaces properly and keep flues and chimneys clean and in good working condition.

Oily rags can ignite through spontaneous combustion. Dispose of rags either in a metal container with a metal lid or by taking them outside to the garbage.

A common fire hazard is extension cords. They only should be used temporarily and never be placed under rugs or behind furniture.

SMOKE DETECTORS



Because smoke detectors give early warnings of fire, which enable families to escape safely, many fire prevention specialists tout them as the best way to save lives.

Install at least one smoke detector on every level of the house, including the garage and the basement, and outside each bedroom.

To keep smoke detectors working properly, change the

batteries twice a year. A good time to do this is when you change your clocks for daylight-saving time. If you hear a chirping sound coming from the smoke detector, it's time to replace the batteries.

Additionally, be sure to replace smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old.

It's also a good idea to test smoke detectors once a month and keep the sensors free of dust or cobwebs.

FIRE PREVENTION FOR KIDS

Practice fire drills in your home. Talk to your parents about what to do in the event of a fire. You should know at least two ways to get outside from each room — especially bedrooms. Have an outdoor meeting place to meet and make sure everyone made it out safely.

Encourage your family to practice this escape plan at least twice a year. A good time would be when you change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Never play with wires, electrical cords, matches, lighters or electrical sockets.

Take an active interest in guarding your family against house fires. If you see a fire hazard, tell your parents immediately.

IN-CASE-OF-FIRE

- ✓ If you hear a smoke detector, get out of the house immediately.
- ✓ If you are in a smoky room, stay low to the ground and cover your nose and mouth as you crawl to an exit.
- ✓ If you are in a room and think there is fire outside the door, feel the door. If the door is hot, keep it closed and find the nearest window to escape. If the door is cool, open it and leave the house quickly.
- ✓ If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll until the fire is out.