



General Fire Safety

No. 1: Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms

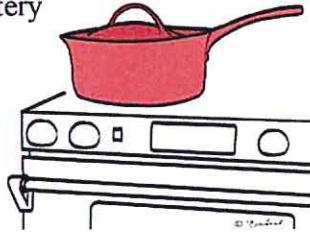
Smoke Alarms give you an early warning, increasing your chance of escaping a fire. Install smoke alarms on each level and outside of sleeping areas. **Test smoke alarms once a month.** Follow the manufacturer's recommendation on battery replacement.



No. 3: Cooking

Wear proper fitting clothing. **Never leave cooking unattended.**

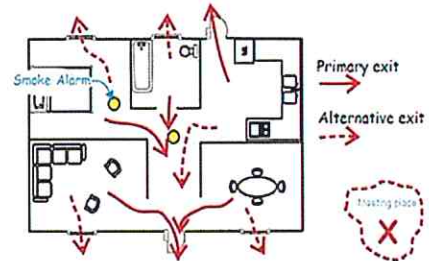
Keep pot handles turned inward so they can't be knocked over causing burns. For grease fires—slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames then turn off the burner. **Never use water on a grease fire.** Also, never use foil or metal products in the microwave.



No. 2: Plan and Practice Escape

If a fire breaks out in your home, you have to **get out fast!** As a family,

plan **two ways out** of every room. Also, pick a safe meeting place outside away from the burning house where you can account for family members. **Once you get out stay out! Never go back into a burning house.**



No. 4: Space Heaters Need Space

Keep space heaters at least **3 feet away** from combustibles such as paper, bedding, clothing, paper, etc. Also pets and children should **never play near space heaters.**



No. 5: Electrical

Electrical fires are often traced to old wiring, overloaded circuits, misused extension cords, and faulty electrical appliances.

- **Turn -off** Electrical appliances left on for long periods of time can malfunction or overheat. Turn appliances off or unplug them when not in use.
- **Check the load** If your power goes out often, outlets spark, or the lights in your home flicker, or make noise have a hire a **qualified** electrician.
- **Out with the old** Replace frayed, worn, or dried out extension cords.
- **Never overload outlets**

No. 6 Smoking

The leading cause of death from fire involve smoking.

Never smoke in bed or when drowsy!

Always check bedding and sofas for smoldering cigarettes. Use large or deep ash trays for smoking materials and put water on butts before discarding them.



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