

## Identifying Hazards

*Fire statistics show that most fire injuries and deaths occur in the home. Help lower these statistics by following fire safe habits, knowing about potential hazards, and constantly being aware of the danger of fire.*



Don't let this happen to you.

## Basement/Storage

Your basement, garage, and attic can be some of the most hazardous areas of your home.

- Store gasoline and other flammable liquids in approved containers outside your home.
- Keep the area around the furnace and hot water heater uncluttered.
- Use the proper size fuses and label your fuse panel
- Don't let refuse accumulate. Keep your work/storage area neat.
- Keep items stored in the attic in boxes and away from chimneys and wiring.



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*Fire Safety  
In  
Your Home*



Your guide to identifying and eliminating fire hazards in your home.

In an emergency dial 911

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# Kitchen Safety

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The kitchen is where most home fires start. Follow these tips to avoid a fire in your kitchen:



- always attend to pots and pans heating on the stove. If you need to leave the kitchen while cooking, turn off the heat.
- Wear short or tight fitting sleeves when cooking. Loose sleeves could catch fire easily.
- Keep a tight fitting lid nearby for each pot or pan you are using. Use the lid to cover the pot/pan and smother the flames.
- Do not throw water on a flaming pot.
- Do not try to carry a flaming pot as it may spill and burn you, or spread the fire.

# Living Room

Many of the activities that take place in the living area of your home may cause a fire if you are careless or forgetful. Please make sure to:



- use large, deep ashtrays,
- always check upholstered furniture for fallen cigarette butts or ashes before leaving the room,
- Put lighters and matches out of reach of small children.
- Use candles safely and extinguish them before leaving the room
- Keep portable space heaters and light fixtures away from combustibles.

# Bedrooms

- Install smoke alarms between sleeping areas and other parts of the house. Make sure that they are in proper working order.
- Plan two fire exits from each bedroom
- Make sure no one smokes in bed.
- Don't overload electrical outlets.

# Fireplace

A fireplace or woodstove have there own unique hazards. Follow these tips:

- Use only dry seasoned fire wood.
- Empty ashes regularly; store them in covered metal containers outside.
- Make sure the area around the fireplace is free of combustible material.
- Have the chimney checked and cleaned regularly.
- Be sure that the fire is out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Never leave an open fire unattended and make sure that children are not left unattended when the fireplace is in use.



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