

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week exists to raise awareness of practices that can help prevent these disasters and to recognize the work of the fire-fighters who relieve them.

HOME FIRES—BY THE NUMBERS:

EVERY DAY AT LEAST ONE CHILD DIES IN A HOME FIRE.

HOME FIRES ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY 90% OF ALL FIRE-RELATED FATALITIES.

KITCHEN FIRES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF HOME FIRES.

KITCHEN FIRES RESULT IN MORE THAN 150,000 U.S. HOME FIRES & \$794 MILLION IN DAMAGES EACH YEAR.

20% OF HOMES HAVE SMOKE DETECTORS THAT DO NOT WORK OR HAVE BATTERIES MISSING.



TOP CAUSES OF COOKING EQUIPMENT FIRES:

- ◆ Stoves—58%
- ◆ Ovens—16%
- ◆ Microwaves—5%
- ◆ Portable Cookers—4%
- ◆ Barbecues—2%
- ◆ Deep Fryers—1%



PREVENTION

Pay Attention. Do not walk away when cooking.

Never wrap or bundle cords together. This prevents the heat from dissipating, leading to a fire hazard.

Store electrical equipment in dry areas that are inaccessible to children and animals.

Keep a lid nearby to smother flames in case of a fire.

Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Only use extension cords marked "for outdoor use" when need for work outside.

Keep flammable items away from the stovetop.

Store all flammable materials in approved containers and away from any potential heat sources, including direct sunlight.

Do not sleep with devices that are charging, such as phones, under your pillow.

Remember to check the expiration date on your fire extinguisher.

GFCI protection should be used in areas where electricity could come in contact with water-bathrooms, kitchen & garage.

Install smoke alarms 10 feet from cooking appliance to minimize false alarms.

Always turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen.

Tamper resistant receptacles should be installed in bedrooms, especially where young children live.

Never sleep with a heating pad or electric blanket. Never place anything on top of them

Never cook under the influence of alcohol

Clean out the lint screen in the dryer before every load and do not overload the dryer.

Never use a generator inside a garage or enclosed space, even with the door open.

Unplug all countertop appliances after use. Pull on the plug, not the cord.

Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, near stairways leading to upper levels and at least on every level of your home including the basement.

Have Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI) installed to safeguard your bedrooms.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.....

- ◆ If it's a contained oven fire, keep the oven closed and turn off the heat.
- ◆ Get everyone out of the house. A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds.
- ◆ Know where and how to use your fire extinguisher. Know the pass system-Pull, Aim Low, Squeeze, and Sweep.
- ◆ Call 911.
- ◆ Remember...Stop, Drop and Roll.

PEOPLE FIRST

SAFETY ALWAYS