

# Fire Safety for the Home

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Fire safety in the home is one area of safety we have some degree of control over. Educating your family members and having a safety system in place will help ensure that a safe living environment is maintained.



Taking just a few minutes each year to inspect fire extinguishers and smoke alarms is time well spent. Practicing and educating family members in evacuation routes and outside meeting places ensures that your family is protected in the unfortunate event of a fire in your home.

## Common Fire Hazards Include:

- Overloaded power strips.
- Worn electrical cords.
- Not cleaning the lint filter in your dryer.
- Unattended candles.
- Smoking in bed.
- Christmas tree lights left turned on.
- Lightning.
- Matches and lighters left out in the reach of children.
- Space heaters.

## The #1 Source of Home Fires:

- Cooking!

Don't throw water on a grease fire. Instead, put a lid on the pan to smother the fire. If an over fire flares up, turn off the oven and leave the door shut until the fire extinguishes itself.

## How to Respond: Prepare Ahead of Time:

### Fire Extinguishers



### Emergency Evacuation Plan



### Smoke Alarms



## Fire Extinguishers

- Have at least two A/B/C fire extinguishers on every level. Check the gauge on your fire extinguisher monthly to be sure it is pressurized. Buy fire extinguishers, and learn how to use them. Place them where they are most likely to be needed, such as the kitchen. Check periodically to be sure they are in good working order.

## Emergency Evacuation Plan

- Have two ways out of your home and practice regularly. Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 911 in case of a fire or an emergency. If your house has more than one story, keep a fire safety ladder under each bed. Plan ahead where you'll all meet outside.

## Smoke Alarms

- Working alarms can double your chance of survival in a fire; smoke alarms should be installed on every floor of your home. Replace batteries twice a year and keep alarms free of dust and debris.
- Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Once a month check whether each alarm in the home is working properly by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. Immediately install a new battery if an alarm chirps, giving the warning that the battery is low.

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