

Fire Safety and Prevention



General Household Safety and Prevention Tips

- Keep an extinguisher handy on each level and inspect it each year.
- Keep emergency numbers accessible.
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on each level
 - Mount on ceiling.
 - Do not install near windows, or vents.
 - Change batteries once a year and test monthly.
- Plan and practice two emergency escape routes from every room.
- Keep hallways and stairwells free of clutter.
- Make sure all windows and doors can be opened easily from the inside.
- Keep a flashlight handy in all rooms. Keep extra batteries on hand.
- Keep matches and lighters in metal containers and away from children.
- Do not block exit doors with furniture or other items.
- Make sure babysitters know safety rules. Review evacuation plans with sitters.
- Use child-proof plugs in any unused wall sockets.
- Inspect and clean chimney, wood-burning stoves, and heating unit once a year.
- Keep tree branches away from the chimney.

Kitchen

- Unplug electrical appliances when not in use.
- Keep electrical cords away from the sink and range.
- Educate children to respect stoves and grills.
- Properly store all cleaning agents. Check labels for flammability.

Appliances and Electrical

- Make sure all outlets have coverplates and no exposed wiring.
- Check all appliances, electrical cords, and plugs for cracks and frays.
- Never overload electrical outlets.
- Never bypass fuses or circuit breakers.
- Plug only one appliance into each extension cord.
- Clearly mark circuit breakers and utility shut-off valves.
- Keep trash and combustible storage away from the heating system.
- Install GFCI or GFI outlets near all water sources.
- Make sure all electrical appliances and other devices are "UL" or "AGA" listed.



Outside Equipment and Grills

- Keep gasoline in an approved safety can and store outside of garage.
- Read labels for product incompatibility and store accordingly.
- Notify the power company when dead limbs or trees endanger the wire.
- Keep grills clean and free of grease. Use grills at a safe distance away from all flammable materials, including trees and shrubs.
- Store unused starter fluid (or charcoal) away from the grill.
- Keep leaves and debris cleared from beneath decks.
- Keep your roof clear of leaves and evergreen needles.

Basement, Garage, Attic, Utilities

- Keep combustibles away from the water heater, clothes dryer, and furnace. Combustibles include oily rags, paints, varnish, turpentine, solvents.
- Do not pile up old newspapers, magazines, or rags.

Holiday Decorations

- Unplug holiday decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Water Christmas trees daily. Place trees away from heat sources and exits.
- Use decorations that are flame retardant.



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