

Fire Prevention & Safety Tips



- Make sure candles are not placed near open windows or left unattended.
- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top – turn off the stove when answering the doorbell, telephone, or leaving the kitchen for any reason.
- Even when it is in the off position, make sure stove top is always clear of combustible materials, such as hand towels, mail, or paper towels.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Develop a family escape plan with two ways out and a meeting place; practice your plan.
- Teach children your address and how to place a 911 call.
- Have an expert inspect your chimney and furnace yearly.
- When using a space heater, place it several feet away from combustible materials, such as magazines, curtains, or newspapers, and turn it off when you leave the room.
- Check laundry rooms and dryer vents to ensure they are free from accumulations of lint (check under and behind dryers).
- If using a real tree during the Christmas season, keep the tree well watered and dispose of it after two weeks or sooner if the needles begin to drop.
- Store matches and lighters in a locked cabinet where children cannot get to them.
- If you smoke, use deep ashtrays and make sure that you put it out completely every time.
- When using a fireplace, set a metal or glass screen in front to prevent any sparks from escaping.