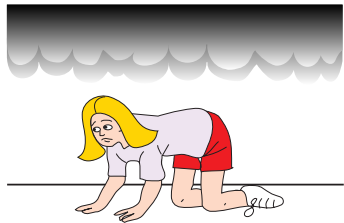


10 Fire Safety Tips



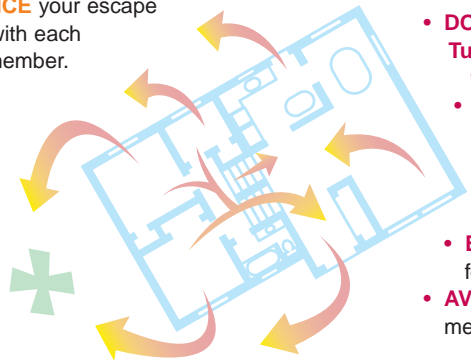
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1 Smoke Alarms

- **TEST** Monthly.
- **CHANGE** the batteries twice a year.
- **REPLACE** the alarm according to the manufacturer's instructions.

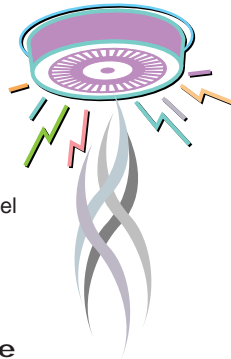
2 Have a Fire Escape Plan

- **DRAW** a floor plan of your home showing two ways out of each room.
- **PRACTICE** crawling low to avoid heat and smoke.
- **DECIDE** on an outside meeting place and from where you will call the fire department .
- **REMINd** everyone to GET OUT AND STAY OUT.
- **PRACTICE** your escape routes with each family member.



3 Install a Carbon Monoxide Detector

- **INSTALL** and maintain according to manufacturer's instructions.
- **CARBON** monoxide is odourless, colourless and deadly.
- **HAVE** your fuel-burning appliances (natural gas, propane, wood) and chimney checked by qualified service personnel annually.



4 Practice Kitchen Fire Safety

- **DON'T** leave cooking unattended. Turn stove off if you leave even for a second.
- **WEAR** snug fitting clothes to avoid catching pot handles.
 - **TURN** pot handles inward so you do not bump them or children can not grab them.
- **ENFORCE** a child free zone 1 meter (3 feet) around your stove when you cook.
- **AVOID** cooking when tired or on medication that causes drowsiness.

5 Keep Matches and Lighters Out of Sight

- **TEACH** children to tell you if they find matches or lighters.
- **REMINd** them that they are tools for grown-ups.

6 Careless Smoking Causes Fires

- **NEVER** smoke in bed.
- **PROVIDE** large non-tip ashtrays
- **SOAK** butts before dumping them.
- **CHECK** in and around furniture for smouldering ashes or cigarette butts after smoking.

7 Use Electricity Safely

- **WARNING** signs that appliances may be having electrical problems are:
 - **FLICKERING** lights
 - odd smells
 - **TRIPPING** circuit breakers
 - **NEVER** pinch cords under furniture or run cords under rugs
 - **DO NOT** use extension cords as permanent wiring.

8 Space Heaters and Portable Heaters

- **KEEP** anything that could burn – such as books, paper and clothing – at least 1 meter (3 feet) away from portable heaters.
- **SHUT OFF** when you leave the room.

9 Housekeeping

- **REGULARLY** remove any potential hazards from your home such as flammable paints, solvents and excessive papers, etc.
- **KEEP** furnace room area free from combustibles.

10 Stop, Drop and Roll

If your clothes catch on fire ...
Don't Run



If a burn occurs ...

- Cool and Call
- Begin cooling the burn and call for help immediately