smoke detectors

- provide an early warning
- prevent injuries
- save lives

80% of local fire deaths and 65% of fire deaths nationwide occurred where there were NO working smoke detectors

Place at least one working detector on every floor of your home and in every area where people sleep.

Change batteries every six months or when you change your clocks.

Test smoke detectors at least once a month to make sure batteries and smoke detectors are in good working order. Replace any smoke detectors that are over ten years old.

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protect your family

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major causes of home fires

cooking



If a fire starts in a stove-top pan, cover it with a lid and turn off the heat source.

If a fire is burning in your oven, keep the door closed.

Never leave food, especially grease, unattended on the stove.

Turn pot and pan handles inward so children won't pull them down from the stove.

Keep a fire extinguisher near the stove - one that can be used for grease or electrical fires.

electrical



Have a professional electrician check wiring, particularly in an older home.

Avoid overloading electrical outlets and excessive use of extension cords.

Destroy frayed extension cords and never run cords under carpets or furniture.

Use the proper amp fuses for the specific wiring in your home. Replace all fuses with type "S" fuses to prevent overfusing.

space heaters



Keep flammables such as bedding, draperies, and furniture at least 3 feet from space heaters.

Place space heaters on protective mats. Be sure they are level so they won't tip over.

Plug space heaters directly into wall sockets and unplug when not in use.

Never add fuel to a space heater that's turned on or still hot.

Keep children away from space heaters.

smoking & matches

Never smoke in bed or when drowsy.

Never throw lit smoking materials in trash can.

Never smoke or light matches near combustible materials.

Teach children the danger of playing with matches and lighters and keep children away from them.