



Beverly Hills Fire Department

Home Fire Safety Tips:

Cooking/Kitchen Safety:

- Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clean and uncluttered. Keep pot handles turned inward. Do not wear loose clothing when you cook. Always have a lid close by to smother flames if a fire does start. Provide a kid's free zone when grown-ups are cooking. Wipe built-up grease from and around your stove.

Heating Safety:

- Keep all space heaters at least 3 feet away from furniture, walls, curtains, anything that can burn. Don't forget to turn off space heaters when you leave your home. Provide for your fireplace a sturdy screen to catch sparks. Inspect and clean your chimney at least once a year. Have your furnace professionally serviced once a year. Keep matches and lighters locked away up, out of children's reach.

Electricity Safety:

- Check electrical cords to appliances to make sure they are in good condition (no cracks or frays). Make sure extension cords are being used safely. If you have children in your home place safety covers over the outlets that are not in use. Never overload a outlet with additional plugs and cords. Never clip off the round grounding prong or file down the wide polarized prong. Unplug portable appliances/equipment that do not need to be plugged (i.e. hairdryers, toasters, coffeemakers etc.).

Candle Safety:

- Extinguish candles before going to bed or leaving the house. Avoid placing candles that can be easily tipped over by pets or children. Never leave a child alone in a room with a candle. Keep candles away from combustibles. Always have a candle in a sturdy candle holder.

Smoking Safety:

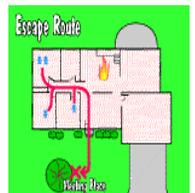
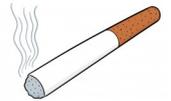
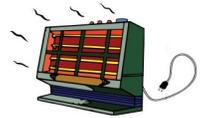
- Avoid smoking indoors. Never fall asleep with a lit cigarette. Never smoke around medical oxygen.

Fire Extinguishers:

- Keep extinguishers within easy reach, in working order, and fully charged. Make sure your extinguisher is large enough to put out a fire and make sure it is the appropriate type.

Smoke Alarms and Fire Escape Safety:

- Smoke detectors need to be installed on every floor, in each bedroom, hallway, and corridors outside of bedrooms. Smoke detectors need to be tested and batteries need to be replaced every six months. Make sure all of the exits in your home are easily accessible. Your family needs to have a home escape plan that includes two exits from each room. Have a safe place designated outside where your family will meet in case of a fire or emergency. Property losses are 85% less in residences with fire sprinklers compared to those without fire sprinklers.



Remember Fire Sprinklers and Smoke Detectors Save Lives