

# There's no place like home!

## Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke.



Here are some important ways to keep your home safe from fire. Make these a top priority.

### In the Kitchen

**Cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Take these steps today to prevent a cooking fire in your home:**

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.
- Keep things that can burn away from your cooking area.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they won't get bumped.

### Safe Home Heating

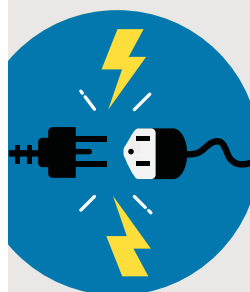
**Heating is the second leading cause of home fires. You can prevent a heating fire with these simple steps:**

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, portable heaters, and radiators.
- When you leave a room or go to bed, turn heaters off or unplug them.
- Have your furnace, chimney, and chimney connector inspected by a professional each winter. Make repairs before cool weather sets in.

### Electrical Sense

**Follow these safety tips to prevent an electrical fire:**

- Plug only one heat-producing appliance into the electrical outlet. Never use an extension cord. Examples of heat-producing appliances are: microwave, coffee maker, and portable heater.
- Extension cords are for temporary use only.
- If you have an electrical cord that is frayed or broken, don't use it.



**Plug portable heaters directly into the outlet.**

Don't use an extension cord. Make sure your heater has an automatic shut-off switch that turns it off if it tips over.

### Home Protection

**Fire prevention is important, but also make sure you and your home are protected.**

- Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Test your alarms each month.
- Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.



Learn more about fire prevention:  
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