

**Smoke Alarms**

**EARLY WARNING SAVES LIVES** The easiest and most effective thing you can do to prevent a fire tragedy in your family is to have working smoke alarms.

**PLACEMENT**

- \*Install on the ceiling or wall, four to 12 inches from where they meet.
- \*Avoid corners.
- \*Place at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and in every bedroom hallway.

**KEEP THEM WORKING**

- \*Test alarms once a month, replace batteries once a year, and replace alarms every 10 years.
- \*A working smoke alarm is the cheapest life insurance money can buy!

**Fire Extinguishers**

A fire extinguisher can control a **SMALL FIRE** before it can grow.

**SELECTION**

- \*A Class ABC Fire Extinguisher is recommended for home use.

**SAFE PLACEMENT**

- \*Keep them near exits and accessible in areas such as the kitchen, garage, or workshop.
- \*Check your fire extinguishers once a year.

**Use? CALL 911 BEFORE USE!**

*First: Is the fire small and contained?  
Second: Are you near an exit?*

If YES to both, then:

- P** = pull the pin
- A** = aim low (at the base of the fire)
- S** = squeeze the handle
- S** = sweep from side to side

**Home Fire Drills: Plan To Live**

**Step 1 - Map it Out**

- \*Obtain or draw an outline map of your house or apartment.
- \*Identify two exits from each room.

**Step 2 - Check Your Plan**

- \*Choose a safe meeting place a short distance from your home.
- \*Windows should open easily.

**Step 3 - Practice**

Practice home fire drills at least twice a year and at least once during the night.

**WHEN YOU HEAR THE ALARM:**

- \*Get low and go to an exit.
- \*Get out and stay out; don't go back inside for any reason.
- \*Go to your designated meeting place.

\*In case of a true emergency, call 911!

**Kitchen Fire Prevention**

Almost half of all house fires begin in the kitchen.

**ORGANIZE A SAFE KITCHEN**

- \*Do not store anything on the stove.
- \*Maintain a kid-free zone three feet around the stove/oven.
- \*Do not overload electrical outlets.
- \*Clean crumbs and grease buildup from cooking appliances regularly.

**PRACTICE SAFE COOKING**

- \*Never leave cooking food unattended (unattended cooking is the main cause of kitchen fires).
- \*Keep pot handles turned toward the back of the stove.
- \*Wipe up spills when they happen.
- \*Supervise animals and young children in the kitchen.

**IN CASE OF A KITCHEN FIRE — CALL 911!**

- \*Do not touch or move a flaming pot.
- \*Cover the pot with a lid and turn off the heat.
- \*Use a fire extinguisher.

**NEVER USE WATER ON A GREASE FIRE!!!**



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