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COOKING FIRES

Understand the threats.

TOP REASONS RESIDENTIAL FIRES HAVE FATAL OUTCOMES.

- *Leaving the kitchen when something is on the stove or in the oven... Do not walk away while cooking.*
- *Leaving combustibles (dishcloths, paper towels, utensils, etc) on or too close to the stove... Clear the clutter.*
- *Cooking while drowsy from medication or fatigue, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs... Always be alert.*

Careless cooking is the leading cause of residential fires in London.

FIRES ^{are} PREVENTABLE

EXTINGUISH WISELY.

- *Do not put out grease fires with water. It will react violently when poured on hot grease or oil.*
- *If a fire starts in your oven or microwave, turn it off and keep the doors closed to prevent air from feeding the flames. If they don't die out quickly, call 911.*
- *Keep a large lid near the stove when cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over it and turn off the stove. Never try to move the pot.*
- *Know how to use your kitchen fire extinguisher and keep it within reach.*

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

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HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN.

Every family should develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.

Load'em up...

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ELECTRICAL FIRES

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MOST ELECTRICAL FIRES OCCUR DUE TO...

- *Plugging too many cords into the same outlet. . .
Don't overload electrical outlets.*
- *Hiding electrical cords under carpets and rugs. . .
Always ensure they're in full view.*
- *Using extension cords as a "permanent" solution. . .
Replace extension cords with new electrical outlets.*

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SIGNS THAT YOU HAVE AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM ARE...

- *If the lights dim every time you turn on an appliance, that circuit is overloaded or has a loose connection. Call an electrician.*
- *If sparks appear when you insert or remove a plug, it could be a sign of loose connections. Repair or replace immediately.*
- *If an electrical cord is warm to the touch, the cord is underrated or defective. Replace immediately with a thicker cord.*

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CANDLE FIRES

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FACT.

- *41% of candle fires start in the bedroom while 11% start after someone falls asleep, often making them the most deadly type of house fire.*

www.nfpa.org (2005)

... DON'T LEAVE CANDLES UNATTENDED OR USE CANDLES FOR A LIGHT SOURCE.

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HOW TO PREVENT THEM.

- **ALWAYS USE A PROPER CANDLEHOLDER.** *Make sure the candle fits firmly inside it and leave plenty of space above and around the candle and candleholder.*
- **USE CAUTION DURING A POWER OUTAGE.** *It is safer to use flashlights or other light sources generated by batteries. Never use a candle for light when checking pilot lights or fueling equipment such as a kerosene heater or lantern, as the flame could ignite flammable vapors.*
- **KEEP CANDLES AWAY FROM FLAMMABLES.** *Ensure they are far away from curtains, furniture, and anything else that can catch fire.*

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