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1. Learn to telephone for help. For any emergency, dial 911 and give your name and location of your emergency.

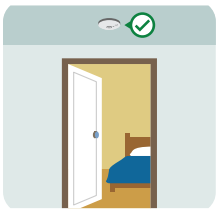


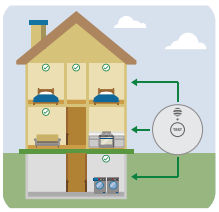
2. The fire department responds to all emergencies and are here to help.

3. If there is a fire in your home, the fire department may need your information about how the fire started to prevent others from happening elsewhere.

4. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms alert you to danger. Make sure you have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home to protect your family. Test them monthly and if they are battery operated change the batteries twice a year.

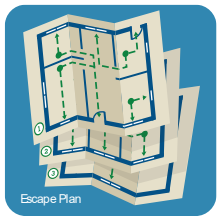






5. If an alarm sounds leave the building immediately.

6. Have an EXIT plan for your home and know where to meet your family outside if there is a fire. Practice 2 ways of getting out. In case of a fire you may only have 2 minutes to get out of your home.







7. If there is smoke or fire, get low to the floor and go, don't walk out of a burning building. The good air and visibility is close to the ground.



8. GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never reenter a burning building to look for people, pets or possessions. Let the firefighters know if someone is still inside the building.





9. Have 2 ways out of your home. Do not nail doors and windows shut. They could be your emergency exits.

10. Put a lid on cooking fires, then turn off the heat. Never put water on a grease fire nor move it from the stove.



11. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking. Never leave cooking unattended.



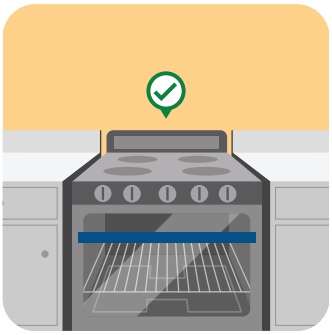


12. Be careful what you wear when cooking. Wear tight fitting clothing when cooking. Loose clothing easily catches fire.

13. Turn pot handles inward; don't let them hang over the edge of the cook top.

14. Keep stove clear of clutter, paper, towels and grease.





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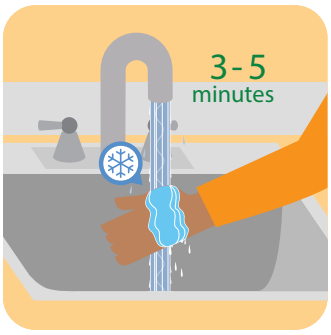
15. Use large ashtrays for cigarettes. Put out cigarettes all the way.

16. Never smoke in bed. It's safer to smoke outside.



17. Keep hot liquids away from children's reach.

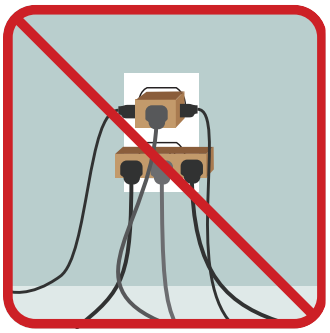
18. Hot water can burn like fire. Always test the water before bathing anyone.





19. For minor burns, immediately run cool water on them for at least 10 minutes then call 911.

20. Never overload plugs or power strips. Never plug more than two cords into an electrical outlet.

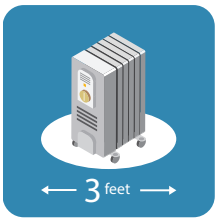




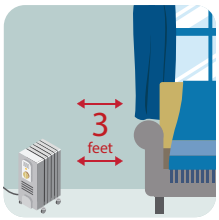


21. Never place electrical cords in a doorway or under carpets.

22. Do not use electrical items in or around water or bathtub.





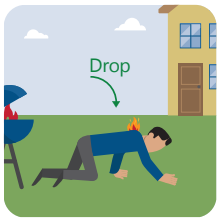


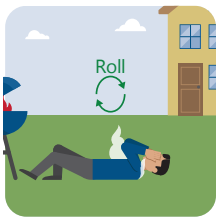
23. Space heaters need space. Keep things that can burn, including children and pets, at least 1 meter (3-feet) away.

24. Never use gasoline indoors or for cooking. Gasoline vapors are extremely flammable and should be stored outdoors.

25. If fire gets on your clothes, STOP, DROP, COVER and ROLL.







26. Keep matches and lighters away from children. Teach children to tell an adult when they find matches or lighters.





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