



FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

“DID YOU KNOW: The leading cause of home cooking fires is unattended cooking.”

What’s the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense.

Some advice on fire safety for you and your family:

- When your cooking in the kitchen, stay in the room. Especially if your grilling, broiling, or frying your food.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach from children. If keep them lower, make sure you have a lock on the cabinet.
- When using a space heater, keep any objects around it at least three feet away. Make sure to turn off space heaters when you go to sleep or leave the room.
- If you have any electrical cords that have cracked cords, broken plugs, or damaged parts, you should replace the cord.
- Smoke alarms should be install on every level of your home. Especially inside bedrooms. These should be tested every month.
- Have a Home Escape Plan and practice it twice a year.
- Have smokers go outside to smoke. Keep sturdy ashtrays for smokers that won't tip over easily.
- Be careful with candles. You should keep anything around a candle at least one foot away. Never leave a candle burning if you leave the room or go to sleep.
- You should install residential fire sprinklers. They can protect your home or sometimes extinguish the fire before the fire department arrives.
(For more information on residential fire sprinklers go to: www.homefiresprinkler.org.)



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