

WHAT TO KNOW





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A Home Fire Safety Resource

Ensure Your Home is Fire Safe Today!

Fire & Life-Safety Checklist

Below are important fire & life-safety items that if maintained, can reduce the risk of injury or property damage due to fire or other hazards.

Outside Your Home

- ☐ Ensure that your address is visible from the road. This includes posting it on the building <u>and</u> at the entry point of long driveways when it would not be visible otherwise.
 - · 4-inches in height as a minimum
 - Plain, block numbers -stylized numbers are not permitted
 - White in color on a blue, brown or green background
 - Reflective in quality is recommended

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- ☐ Ensure that your fire hydrant is accessible
 - 3-feet of clearance AND clear to the street from snow & vegetation

Inside Your Home

Cooking- #1 Cause of Home Fires & Injuries

- ☐ Stay in the kitchen if you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling
- Check the oven regularly if baking or roasting
- $\hfill\square$ Keep all things that can catch fire a good distance away
- ☐ Grease fires- know to smother any flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner
- $\hfill \square$ Oven fires- turn off the heat and keep the door closed
- ☐ Keep children at least 3-feet away from the stove

Heating Appliances - #2 Cause of Home Fires & Injuries

Fireplaces & Woodstoves-

- ☐ Have your chimney cleaned & inspected every year
- ☐ Ensure you have a spark arrestor installed
- ☐ Use a sturdy fireplace screen
- ☐ Dispose of ash only when cold and into a metal container located away from your home
- ☐ Test smoke alarms monthly, and replace batteries every year

Gas-Fired Heating Appliances & Portable Space Heaters-

- ☐ Keep anything that can burn at least 3-feet away
- ☐ Always turn portable space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- ☐ Never use portable space heaters with an extesion cord or powerstrip, but only plugged into a wall receptacle
- ☐ Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when you have fuel-burning appliances, such as water heaters, furnances, etc.