



10 WAYS

YOU CAN IMPROVE HOME FIRE SAFETY



1 REMOVE all materials (paper, dishcloths, etc.) on or near your stove that could catch fire.

2 PLACE a box of baking soda and a large pot lid next to your stove in case of an oil fire.

3 REMOVE electrical cords from under rugs, placed over nails and from behind radiators.

4 REPLACE damaged cords on electrical appliances. Use only UL-approved extension cords.

5 REMOVE "octopuses" from electrical outlets and extension cords.

6 DISCARD old and unneeded flammable liquids such as cleaning fluids and paint thinners.

7 MOVE flammable liquids stored near stove or other heat source to a safe, distant location.

8 CLEAR area around portable space heater of drapes, furniture and other burnable materials.

9 EMPTY ashtrays of cigarettes, paper, ashes, etc., into toilet.

10 TEST your smoke detector (weekly) and replace batteries (twice a year or as needed).

The FDNY wants you to become part of our Fire Safety Team. Keeping you and your family fire safe whether at home, work or school takes planning, preparation and teamwork.



FIRE PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU

So talk it over with your family and remember:

- ✓ **INSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS**
Test them often to make sure they work. Replace the batteries at least twice a year when you change your clock for daylight savings and eastern standard time.
- ✓ **HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN**
Develop a home escape plan with your family in case of fire. Practice it. Have a pre-arranged meeting place somewhere outside.
- ✓ **HOME SAFETY INSPECTION**
*Conduct a safety inspection of potential fire hazards in the home. **Eliminate** them. Make every room fire safe.*

