

## Is your home free of fire hazards?

- Check electrical appliances for loose or frayed cords. Do not place wires under rugs.
- Check for outlets overloaded with plugs; including TV, computer, stereo, and printer.
- Install GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets in your home; especially near sources of water like your bathroom, kitchen and laundry room.
- Use the correct bulb wattage for home light fixtures.
- If any appliances spark, smell unusual or overheat, replace or get repaired by a professional.
- Lamps and nightlights should not touch any fabrics (bedspreads, drapes).
- Electrical blankets are unplugged when not in use. Check for frayed or loose cords and any odd smell. If a problem is detected, replace.
- Supervise children around the stove and microwave.
- Candles should be out of reach of children and pets, curtains and furniture. Never leave candles unattended.
- Perform annual inspection of furnace or heating system.
- Space Heaters:* Keep out of walking paths; Keep away from children and pets; Place away from beds; Newspapers, magazines, and any fabrics, including curtains, sheets, tablecloths are not within 3 feet of space heaters; Unplug when not in use.
- Fireplaces:* Keep the fire place clean; Cover your fireplace with a screen; Only burn wood, as papers and other materials can escape while burning and ignite something nearby; The fire should be completely extinguished before leaving the room; Have your chimney cleaned professionally once a year.
- In the Kitchen:* Keep an eye on appliances when in use; Make sure appliances are turned off and unplugged when not in use; When using pots and pans, use the rear burners and turn the handles inwards; Do not wear loose clothing while cooking.



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