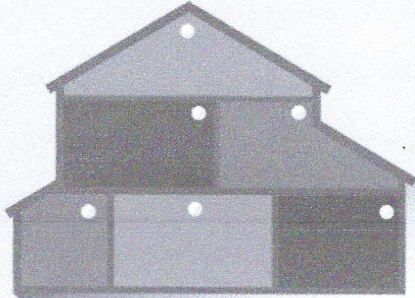


TEN TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY

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Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.



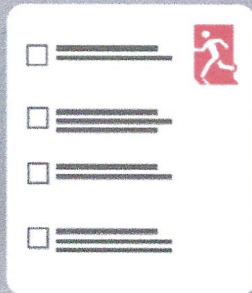
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Test smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries at least once a year.



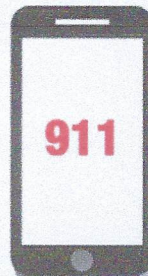
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Have a family fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.



4

If there's a fire in your home, get out, dial 911 and don't go back inside.



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Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach



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Use flashlights during power outages, not candles.



7

Never leave a burning candle unattended.



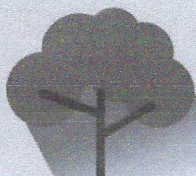
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Turn off space heaters when you leave the room and don't leave them unattended.



9

Only use smoking materials outside.



10

Keep flammable items away from anything that can get hot, such as space heaters.





Keeping Your Home Safe

Fire Prevention



20%

of homes have smoke detectors that **do not** work or are missing batteries.

2x

Working smoke alarms can **double** your chances of survival in a fire.



Replace batteries **twice a year** and keep alarms free of dust.



Smoke alarms should be installed on **every floor** of your home.



KNOW THE RISKS



There is a house fire **every ten seconds** in the U.S.



Home fires can spread in as little as **thirty seconds**.



Make sure that your family has a **fire escape plan** for your home and practice it regularly.



Cooking is the **leading cause** of house fires.



More than **15,000** fires a year are started by clothes dryers. Clean the vents at least once a year.



Remember: If there's ever a fire, **GET OUT, STAY OUT** and **CALL** for help.

MAINTAIN YOUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM



Electrical fires can be caused by: broken wires, wire insulation drying out, loose switches or receptacles, and overheating caused by dirt and oil.



Get your electrical system checked by a licensed electrician **every four years**.



Faulty wiring is the number one cause of electrical fires. **The warning signs?** Flickering lights; breakers that always trip; fuses that blow; a burning smell when you plug in appliances; outlets and switches that spark; and discolored wall outlets.