

## 8. Gasoline & Flammable Liquids

Never use gasoline, benzine, naphtha or similar liquids indoors. Store them in approved, sealed containers in well-ventilated areas. Never smoke around any of these products. Do not clean with any of these products. Discard all rags that have been soaked in these flammable liquids after you use them. Keep them out of reach of children.



## 9. Heating Equipment



Portable heaters need space. Keep anything flammable at least 3 feet away, especially walls, drapes and furniture.

Keep screens in front of fireplaces. Store ashes in a metal container outside and away from your home.

## 10. Fire Procedures

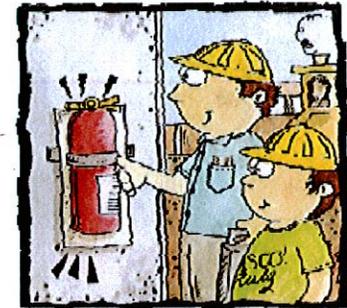
If you or someone around you is ever on fire, Stop! Drop! And Roll! Do this until the fire is completely squashed out.



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# 10 Simple Fire Safety Tips



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## 1. Smoke Detectors

Working smoke detectors decrease deaths in fire by half. Test your smoke detectors at least one time a month and replace batteries once a year. Place a detector on all levels of your house. On ceilings outside of bedrooms, on top of stairways and near (not in) the kitchen. A smoke detector may very well be the only thing that will wake you up in time to escape a fire in your home.



## 2. Escape Plan

Make an escape plan with your family. Practice it once a year to refresh you and your loved ones. Point out all ways out that can be used as exits if a fire occurs. Use this time to make sure all bars on windows have a safety opening feature and all anti-theft devices are easy to open from inside. Make sure you have a designated meeting place at a safe distance away from the house for everyone to meet once they escape safely.



## 3. Practice Fire Safety Drills

After you have reviewed your escape plan, hold a fire drill. Have everyone go to their rooms, close the door and lay on their beds. Push the test button on the smoke detector. Remember to feel the door with the back of your hand starting at the bottom and then go up. If there is heat, remember to crawl 12-14 inches close to the ground. Make your way out to the exits closest to your location in the house. Finally, wait for the rest of your family at your meeting place.



## 4. Matches and Smoking



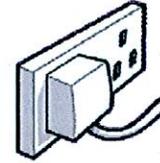
Keep all matches, lighters and cigarettes out of reach of children, up high where they cannot reach them. Teach them that they are tools for adults, not toys for children. Never smoke in bed. Douse cigars and cigarettes in water before you dispose them.

## 5. Fire Prevention Tools

In-case there is a fire in your house it is safe to have prevention tools. Fire extinguishers, fire sprinkler systems and even shutting your bedroom door when you go to sleep can all help you if a fire should happen.



## 6. Electrical Safety



Be careful around electricity. Have wiring checked out by an electrician. Never run cords under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.

Don't overload extension cords or outlets. If you need more than 2 devices plugged in, use an UL-approved unit. If an extension cord sparks, smells or shorts, immediately shut it off, replace it or repair it. Electrical problems are not a do-it-yourself job.

## 7. Cooking Safety

Never leave cooking unattended. Heat grease slowly. If you must leave the cooking area, turn off the heat. If you do have a grease fire on top of the stove, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames. Use baking soda or an extinguisher to kill the flames. **Never** use water, salt or flour to put out a grease fire.



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