Follow these fire safety tips, and review them with other members of your household, to protect yourself, your property, your community and your loved ones.

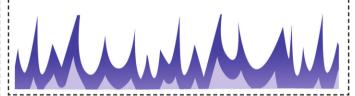
# **PREPARE**

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, as well as inside and outside every sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms monthly, and replace the batteries if needed.
- Purchase and learn how to safely use a fire extinguisher.
- Create a fire escape plan with your family, reviewing and practicing it twice a year.
- Your fire escape plan should include two exit points from every room, as well as a designated outdoor meeting spot.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows when and how to call 911 or the fire department.



# **PREVENT**

- Turn off portable heaters whenever you leave a room or go to sleep.
- Never leave a candle burning unattended. and consider replacing traditional candles with battery-operated flameless versions.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach from children, and make sure they know never to play with these items.
- Replace or repair loose plugs, exposed wiring or frayed extension cords, and avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.
- Keep any items that can catch fire at least three feet away from cooking and heating devices.
- Remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. Always turn off the stove if you leave the kitchen even for a brief period of time.



# STAY ALIVE

- In the event of a fire, yell "Fire" repeatedly and evacuate immediately. Once outside, call 911 or the fire department, and never reenter a burning building for any reason.
- If a door or door handle feels warm to the touch, do not open it. Use an alternate escape route.
- If you must walk through smoke, get as close to the ground as possible to escape under the smoke, closing doors behind you.
- If your clothing catches fire, always remember to stop, drop and roll, covering your face with your hands.
- If you can't escape a room, close the door and cover vents and door cracks with a towel or cloth to keep out smoke. Call 911 or the fire department, and signal for help at the window with a piece of cloth or a flashlight.
- If you are unable to reach pets or someone in the home needing assistance, evacuate, call 911 and tell the emergency operator and firefighters where the person or pet is located.

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