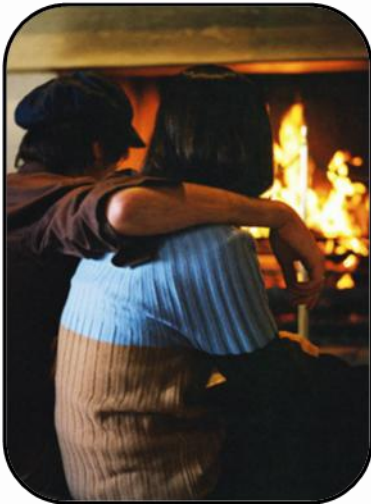




Home Fire Safety: Checklist

Is your home free of 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.
- Annual inspection of furnace or heating system
- Space heaters:**
 - Keep out of walking paths.
 - Keep away from children and pets.
 - Placed away from beds.
 - Newspapers, magazines, and any fabrics, including curtains, sheets, tablecloths, are a not within 3 feet of a space heater.
 - Unplug when not in use.
- 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.
- Fireplaces**
 - Keep the fire place clean.
 - Cover your fireplace with a screen.
 - Only burn wood. 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.



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