

# Home Fire Safety

Follow these guidelines so you do not become a fire statistic!

## KITCHEN:

- Watch your food, DO NOT leave it unattended.
- Make sure that your pot handles are turned inward.
- Smother a grease fire, DO NOT put water on it!
- Wear tight fitted sleeves, if your clothes catch on fire STOP, DROP, and ROLL.
- Maintain your stove; keep it clear of grease and clutter.
- NEVER use your stove as a heating device!

## SMOKE DETECTORS:

- Have at least one on every level of your home.
- Check them monthly and vacuum out the dust.
- When you change your clocks, change your batteries.

## ELECTRICAL:

- Replace frayed and damaged wires.
- Do not overload the circuits.
- Place outlet covers to prevent children from sticking things into them.

## FIRE:

- If the fire is small, remember to PASS and use an extinguisher.
- If it does not work or you do not have an extinguisher, get out and call 9-1-1.
- Stay low to the ground away from smoke.
- Always have two ways out.
- Get to your meeting place once you get outside.
- Once you get out, stay out!
- Account for everyone in your home at the time.
- Call 9-1-1.

## EVACUATION PLANS:

- Implement one in your home.
- Practice it regularly.
- Always have two ways out!

## HEATING:

- Make sure that if you have space heaters that they are placed at least 3 feet from anything that can burn easily.
- Have your fire place inspected at least once a year to clean out the debris.
- DO NOT take the ashes out of the fireplace until they have

### SMOKING:

- DO NOT smoke while in bed, drowsy, or on medication.
- Keep deep and sturdy ash trays in your home.
- Wait for the ashes to cool before discarding them in the garbage.
- Always check furniture for loose ashes because they too can start a fire.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Keep all doorways, hallways, and stairs free from clutter.
- Keep all of your flammable items such as paint, varnish, gas, and others stored in a sturdy metal cabinet.
- You should have at least one fire extinguisher in your home.
- Per Illinois State Law there should be an approved carbon monoxide detector in your home that is placed within every 15 feet of every sleeping area.
- Always place candle sticks into candle holders and extinguish the flames before leaving the room, home, or going to bed.

cooled. Then you need to place them in a metal container outside and as far from things that can ignite (i.e. home, shed, and trees)