



# Beverly Hills Fire Department

## Home Fire Safety Tips:

### Cooking/Kitchen Safety:

- Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clean and uncluttered. Keep pot handles turned inward. Do not wear loose clothing when you cook. Always have a lid close by to smother flames if a fire does start. Provide a kid's free zone when grown-ups are cooking. Wipe up built-up grease on and around your stove.

### Heating Safety:

- Keep all space heaters at least 3 feet away from furniture, walls, curtains, anything that can burn. Don't forget to turn off space heaters when you leave your home. Provide for your fireplace a sturdy screen to catch sparks. Inspect and clean your chimney at least once a year. Provide service to your furnace by a professional at least once a year. Keep matches and lighters locked away up high, out of children's reach.

### Electricity Safety:

- Check all electrical cords to appliances and make sure they are in good condition (no cracks or frays). Make sure extension cords are being used safely. If you have children in your home place safety covers over the outlets which are not in use. Never overload a outlet with additional plugs and cords. Never clip off the round grounding prong or file down the wide polarized prong. Unplug any portable appliances/equipment that do not need to be plugged. i.e. hairdryers, toasters, coffeemakers etc.

### Fire Extinguishers:

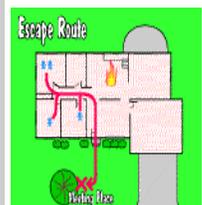
- Keep extinguisher within easy reach, in working order and fully charged. Make sure your extinguisher is large enough to put out a fire and make sure it is the right kind of extinguisher to fight the fire.

### Smoke Alarms and Fire Escape Safety:

- Smoke detectors need to be installed on every floor, each bedroom and hallways/corridors outside of bedrooms. Smoke detectors need to be tested and batteries need to be replaced every six months. Make sure all your exits in your home easily accessible. Your family needs to have a home escape plan that includes two exits usually a door and a window from each room. Have a safe place picked outside where your family will meet in case of a fire or emergency.

### Hazardous Materials Safety:

- Keep paints, gasoline and other flammable liquids tightly sealed and stored away from flame and sparks. (If possible store materials outside in a shed or garage) Keep household cleaning chemicals locked and out of children's reach.



*Remember Fire Sprinklers and Smoke Detectors Save Lives*