



King County Fire District 27

Protect Your Family from Fire!

In 2014, U.S. fire departments responded to 283,300 residential fires.

Leading Reported Causes for fires:

1. Cooking - 67% 2. Heating - 17% 3. Electrical Malfunction - 8% 4. Other - 8%

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits.
- Inspect & replace damaged electrical cords.
- Extension cords should be the correct gauge for the job, have a built in circuit breaker, and used only temporarily.
- If you have recurring problems with tripping circuit breakers, warm wall outlets or notice a burning smell from your appliances contact a qualified electrician.

HEATING FIRES

- Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.
- Turn off space heaters before you go to bed.
- Inspect and clean chimneys and heating systems annually.
- Burn only seasoned dry firewood. Wet wood causes creosote build-up which can cause a chimney fire.
- Heating fires peak in December, January and February.

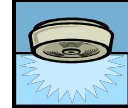
CANDLE SAFETY

- Most candle fires occur during the holidays.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Avoid using candles in the bedroom.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything flammable and use sturdy holders.
- Think about using flameless candles, they look and smell like real candles

SMOKE ALARMS

- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires by 50%.
- Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Replace batteries at least once a year!

*Change Your Battery
when you Change
your Clock*



COOKING FIRES - are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

- Have a “kid-free zone” three feet around the stove and cooking areas.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep oven mitts, towels, and anything that can catch on fire away from the stove.
- If cooking oil catches on fire, turn the heat off, don’t try and move the pan, cover the pan with a metal lid, or wet cloth that has been rung out to smother the fire. Baking soda will extinguish grease fires, but only if they are small.
- **NEVER throw water on a grease fire!** It will only cause the burning oil to splash, spreading the grease fire around.
- **Keep an ABC Fire Extinguisher in the kitchen.**

HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows.
- Know at least two ways out of each room.
- Ensure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with your family, twice a year.
- If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, go directly outside to the meeting place, call 911 from a neighbor’s house.
- Never go back inside a burning building.

SAMPLE HOME ESCAPE PLAN

