



## FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

### *Plan Ahead to Keep Your Family Safe*

When it comes to fire emergencies at your home, it is important to be as well prepared for the situation as possible. These simple tips can help keep you and your family safe by preventing a fire in your home or knowing how to handle the situation if a fire does break out:

### **Make a home fire escape plan**

Communicate with your family regarding your home's exits and escape routes. Set a standard procedure to follow in case of a fire and practice that routine. Practice makes perfect!

### **Dryers and washing machine fires**

Be sure to always clean the lint filter before running each dryer load. Inspect the exterior vent pipe to make sure it is clear of lint debris. Never overload your dryer.

### **Burn Awareness**

Prevent serious burn injuries by educating children about things to avoid in the home and reviewing basic fire safety tips in case a fire breaks out. Have a fire extinguisher that is in good working order available and everyone should know where it is located and how to operate it.

### **Propane Safety**

Summer barbeques can go up in flames if you are using a gas grill and you don't follow the manufacturer's instructions for the propane tanks. Do not store or use propane gas inside the home, and make sure to have the equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctions.

### **Medical Oxygen**

Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.



[Read more about fire safety from the National Fire Protection Association.](#)