



Preparedness Tips

- Install and maintain smoke detectors. Change batteries when you change your clock for daylight savings time.

Keep an **ABC** type portable extinguisher accessible on each floor of house, especially in the kitchen and garage.

Store your extinguisher at the entrance to a room and replace or recharge it at least once a year.

Plan and practice to escape a home fire. Identify at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.

Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustibles. Turn them off when going to bed or leaving the premises.

Keep flammables and combustibles on a low shelf, in metal containers and away from all heat sources.

Never smoke in bed.

Never leave pots and pans on stove unattended. Turn handles away from the stove edge.

Never use water on a grease fire. Turn off stove or oven.

Teach children that matches are tools, not toys.

Do not overload electrical outlets. Do not run electrical cords under carpets or in high foot traffic areas

Crawl low in a smoke-filled room.

Always feel a door for heat with the back of your hand before opening it. Do not open door if it is hot.

If your clothes catch on fire, **STOP, DROP and ROLL**. Cover your face. Do not run.

Treat a burn with cool water. Do not use ice / ointments. Cover with a damp dressing