

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- **Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven. Use a cooking timer.**
- **Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (i.e. potholders, towels, rags, plastics, drapes and food packaging).**
- **Keep smoking materials away from anything that can burn (i.e., mattresses, bedding, upholstered furniture, draperies, etc.).**
- **Never smoke in bed, when drowsy, medicated or intoxicated as this could lead to falling asleep with a lit cigarette.**
- **Do not smoke or have an open flame around medical oxygen.**
- **Keep matches and lighters away from children.**
- **Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone even for short periods of time.**
- **Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.**
- **Keep candles away from items that can catch fire (e.g. clothing, books, paper, curtains, Christmas trees, flammable decorations).**
- **Do not use portable space heaters.**
- **Do not store flammable chemicals, such as gasoline and paints inside. The vapors from the flammable chemical will seek an ignition source and can explode.**
- **Do not overload outlets, and turn off TV, fans and other devices when not in use. This will keep these devices from over heating.**
- **Never use a gas range as a substitute for a furnace.**
- **Test your smoke alarms frequently to make sure they are operating properly. Having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.**
- **Develop a home fire escape plan, practice it with your children and designate a meeting place outside.**