

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards.

Fire safety in the home

Watch Your Cooking

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking food.
- If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the cooker.
- Always wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook.
- Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from flames



Safe use and handling of LPG Cylinder

- After use, turn off the cylinder valve while the appliance is still operating. Then turn off the valve of the gas cooker.
- Check rubber hose regularly for cracks and change hose before expiry date, printed on the hose.
- Strike the match / lighter first then open the burner knob of your gas cooker.
- Always keep the cylinder in vertical position in a well ventilated area.
- In case of leakage, turn off the gas valve, open all doors and windows.



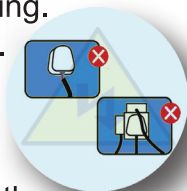
Smoke Outside

- Do not smoke in bed or when drowsy or under medication.
- Make sure you have completely extinguished smoking materials before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Use a proper ashtray. Make sure the ashtray cannot be easily knocked over and empty frequently.



Inspect Electrical Cords

- Inspect extension cords for frayed or exposed wires or loose plugs
- Make sure outlets have cover plates and no exposed wiring.
- Make sure wiring does not run under rugs and over nails.
- Do not overload extension cords or outlets.
- Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or loose connections.
- Don't position electric lights or bulbs near curtains and other fabrics, the heat will set the fabric alight within hours.



Be Careful When Using Candles

- Keep candles / lamps away from anything that can easily catch fire like curtains, shelving, fabrics and other combustible materials.
- Always place candles on a heat resistant surface. Candles can melt plastic surfaces like the tops of televisions and wooden table.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.



Keep Matches and Lighters Out Of Reach

- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.



Gas Heater

- Always read your gas heater owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's directions for proper set-up and safe operation.
- Be sure that you have it professionally installed by a gas fitter.
- Regularly check the flue for unobstructed venting.
- Be aware that insects, birds and animals can build nests in vent pipes.
- If you suspect a problem, call a qualified gas fitter.



Have A Home fire Escape Plan

- Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.



Make your home fire-safe – (For children)

"There's nothing more important than the safety of a child in the home, and getting into the habit of taking a quick glance round the room for hazards is a simple step that will make safety an automatic reflex for any parent or carer, and help give real peace of mind".

"Another really vital thing mums and dads can do to keep their family safe is speak to their kids about the importance of fire safety and making sure they know what to do if the worst happens".

It's crucial to be aware that children can start a fire in moments – but only if they can get hold of materials that can start fire.