

“DO A CHECK BEFORE YOU GO TO BED”



A. DO A CHECK BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

Last thing at night – you are far more likely to be killed or injured in a fire during the night

- Get used to checking your home before you go to bed.
- Turn off and unplug all electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on like your freezer or VCR for example.
- Don't leave the washing machine on.
- Put out candles and cigarettes properly.
- Close inside doors.

Check the cooker is turned off
& close all gas cylinder valve.



IN CASE OF FIRE,
CALL THE FIRE
SERVICE ON

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FIRE PREVENTION



Fire Safety Tips



B. SMOKING

Whether you or others in your home smoke, or whether you have occasional guests or visitors who smoke, you need to know the dangers.

- Do not leave a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe unattended. They can easily fall or be knocked onto a carpet or papers and start a fire.
- Avoid smoking when you are tired, on medication, or if you're under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It's too easy to fall asleep and not notice that a cigarette is still burning.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Make sure you have completely extinguished smoking materials before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Keep smoking materials out of reach of children.
- Use a proper ashtray. Make sure the ashtray cannot be easily knocked over and empty frequently.
- Empty cold ash into a metal container and put it outside.



C. CANDLES / LAMPS

Treat lighted candles as you would treat for any other flame.

- Keep candles / lamps away from anything that can easily catch fire like curtains, shelving, fabrics and other combustible materials.
- Always keep lighted candles firmly upright in a proper holder.
- Always place candles on a heat resistant surface. Candles can melt plastic surfaces like the tops of televisions and wooden table.
- Do not put candles on shelves as the unseen heat will set fire to the shelf above within hours.
- Do not lean across candles! You could set fire to your clothes or hair.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and away from pets.
- Do not let anything fall into the hot wax.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended and ensure that candles have been completely put out when you leave the room.

D. ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Hot plugs and sockets, fuses that blow for no reason, flickering lights, and scorch marks on sockets or plugs are signs of danger.
- Check electrical leads and plugs for wear and tear and faulty wiring.
- Do not mend cables with insulating tapes.
- Do not overload sockets – use one plug in for each socket. If you have to use a fused adapter make sure you keep the output to no more than 13 amps.
- Keep electrical appliances clean and in good working order, and have them serviced regularly.
- Switch off and unplug electrical appliances if you are not using them, unless they are designed to be left on.
- Unplug appliances that children can reach.
- Put plug guards into sockets to prevent children from sticking things into the holes.
- Do not put a portable heater where it can be knocked over
- Don't position electric lights or bulbs near curtains and other fabrics, the heat will set the fabric above alight within hours.

