

KITCHEN

- Avoid loose long sleeves when cooking.
 - Check kettles and toasters for damaged electrical cords and thermostats.
 - Use appliances that have an automatic shut-off.
 - Keep a timer handy to remind you when the oven and burners should be switched off.
 - If you take medication that causes drowsiness, do not use cooking appliances.
 - Use a temperature-controlled electric skillet or deep-fryer for frying.
 - Never leave your cooking unattended.
 - Use appropriate cooking appliances and keep them clean.
 - Keep a pot cover nearby to “put a lid on it” in the event of a fire.
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LIVING ROOM

- Fireplace: always use a fire screen, ensuring it is the appropriate size for the fireplace opening.
 - Power bars should not be used to overload electrical outlets. Do not use extension cords in the place of additional outlets.
 - Smokers should check furniture for fallen cigarettes or embers, which can smoulder undetected for hour before bursting into flames.
 - Ensure careful use of smoking materials and extinguish in water before disposal.
 - Never leave cigarettes in an ashtray unattended.
 - Use ashtrays with a double rim and deep centre.
 - Keep matches, lighters and lit candles out of the reach of children.
 - Never leave lit candles unattended.
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BEDROOM

- Install at least one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area. For improved safety, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
 - Check electrical appliances regularly in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions: electric blankets, heating pads, curling irons, radios, televisions, irons.
 - Bedrooms should be non-smoking areas.
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BASEMENT AND ATTIC

- Remove all combustible and flammable materials from the basement and attic.
 - Do not store gasoline in basements or attics! Store gasoline in well-ventilated areas, preferably outdoors.
 - Do not store propane indoors.
 - Use only approved containers to store and transport gasoline.
 - Have a thorough yearly maintenance check of the furnace carried out by a professional.
 - When replacing an old furnace, consult a professional to determine the most safe, economical and efficient system for your home.
 - Clean chimneys at least once a year.
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GARAGE AND WORKSHOP

- Store flammable materials – thinners, gasoline, paints, industrial cleaners – neatly in approved containers and away from possible ignitable sources.
 - Do not smoke, or leave matches or lighters in the garage or workshop.
 - Install and know how to properly use the appropriate fire extinguisher for the garage/workshop.
 - Keep the area clean; remove garbage, paper products, oily rags and wool.
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