



10 WAYS TO **PREVENT** HOME FIRES

A Safer Home. A Stronger Community.

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COOK SAFELY

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Keep cooking surfaces clean.
- Keep flammable items away from the stove.

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INSTALL & MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS

- Put smoke alarms on every level.
- Test them monthly.
- Replace batteries at least once a year.

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PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRES

- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Don't use frayed cords.
- Unplug items when not in use.

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USE HEAT SOURCES SAFELY

- Keep space heaters 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Turn heaters off when leaving the room.

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REDUCE HEATING FIRE HAZARDS

- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned.
- Keep areas around fireplaces clear.

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BE CAREFUL WITH OPEN FLAMES

- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Never leave candles unattended.

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AVOID SMOKE FIRES

- Don't smoke in bed.
- Put cigarettes out completely.

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PRACTICE KITCHEN SAFETY

- Keep kids away from hot surfaces.
- Turn pot handles inward.
- Use oven mitts when handling hot items.

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PLAN AHEAD

- Create and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Know two ways out of every room.
- Keep doors and windows clear.

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KEEP FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON HAND

- Have an extinguisher in your home.
- Know how to use it before an emergency.

PREVENT FIRES. SAVE LIVES.

CHATHAM COUNTY FIRE

HOME FIRE FACTS

Fire can happen in any home, at any time.
Take simple steps today to protect
your family and your home.



Having working smoke alarms
reduces the risk of dying
in a home fire by 55%.



Cooking causes **nearly 50%**
of all home fires.



People **ages 25-34** account
for the **largest number** of
home fire injuries (over 15%).



Those **ages 55-64** account
for the **largest number** of
home fire deaths (over 20%).



Home fires result in nearly
\$9 billion in property
losses each year.

DO YOUR PART.
KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE.



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