

# Fire Prevention Tips for Home

## Drapes/Tapestries/Wall Hangings

- Hang away from stoves/ovens/heat sources.
- Keep them away from candles and incense.
- Don't hang them over smoke detectors and light fixtures.



## Candle, Incense, & Matches

- Put candles or incense in sturdy fire-proof containers.
- Blow out all candles before going to bed or leaving the room.
- Never leave children and pets unattended with lit candles.
- Put matches and lighters where children cannot reach them.



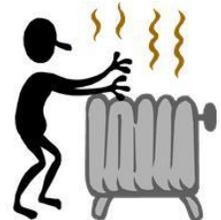
## Smoking (Cigarettes, Hookah, Shisha, Pipes, etc.)

- Extinguish ashes in a large, deep ashtray or put hot ashes in water to extinguish.
- Empty extinguished ashes into a container that will not burn.
- Never put burning tobacco into a waste baskets or garbage cans.



## Heating

- Put furniture and other items that can catch fire at least 3 feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters.
- Do not use extension chords to plug in space heaters.
- Use heaters that are approved by a national testing laboratory and have a tip-over shut-off function, and never use them while sleeping.



## Electrical & Appliances

- Always put surge protected power strips above rugs, never under them.
- Do not use electrical cords that are worn-out or cracked.
- Hire only certified electricians to work in your home.
- Only use surge protected power strips. Too many things plugged into extension cords cause fires.



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