

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

BE AWARE! Fire can happen *anywhere*.

Look for potential fire hazards around your home. **Take action** to prevent fire from starting.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires!



TAKE ACTION!

- **Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.** If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that burns—*cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders*—a safe distance from the stove.



- Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire. **Wear tight sleeves** or **roll them up** when cooking.

Smoking is the leading cause of fatal home fires!



TAKE ACTION!

- Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
- Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- **Never** smoke in bed.
- Use **large, deep ashtrays** that cannot be knocked over.
- Empty ashes into a **metal container**—*not the garbage can*—and put it outside.



Electrical distribution equipment is a leading cause of home fires!



TAKE ACTION!

- **Check cords for damage** such as fraying or nicks. A damaged cord can expose wires and result in a potential shock or fire hazard.
- **Avoid running cords under rugs**, which can damage the cord and cause a fire.
- Extension cords should be used only as a **temporary connection**. If permanent wiring is required, have additional outlets installed by a licensed electrician.
- Air conditioners and other heavy appliances should be plugged **directly** into an outlet.

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