



Burnaby Firefighters Local 323

Fire Safety Steps You Can Take to Stay Safe in Your Home

Smoke Alarms

- A working smoke alarm will reduce your risk of dying in a fire by 50%.
- Have a smoke alarm on each level of your home and outside the sleeping areas. For maximum protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Test smoke alarms monthly. For battery operated alarms, change the battery when you switch your clocks in the spring and fall.

Home Fire Escape Plan

- Plan your escape with everyone in the family.
- Make sure there are two ways out of every room.
- If you live in an apartment, don't use the elevator. Use the stairs instead.
- Choose a meeting place outside where everyone will go once they have left the building.
- Once you are outside, **STAY OUT!** When everyone is safely out, go to a neighbour's house and call the fire department. **ESCAPE FIRST, THEN CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!**

Kitchen Safety

- Never leave cooking unattended. Set a timer to remind yourself to turn off burners and the oven.
- Wear tight fitting clothing or roll up your sleeves while you cook.
- Turn pot handles inward on the stove where you can't bump them and children can't reach them.
- Keep the stove surface free from grease, combustible materials and clutter.
- If a grease fire occurs use oven mitts and carefully slide a lid or cookie sheet over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Keep children away from the stove whether it is on or off.
- Don't hide treats above the stove area. Children have a way of knowing where they are and may climb on the stove to get at them.