

HOME SAFETY: PREVENTING FIRES AND BURNS

Check all Cords

- Keep cords from beneath furniture and rugs.
- Overloaded extension cords may cause fires.
- Make sure that cords are in good condition, not frayed or cracked.

Check Smoke Detectors

- Fire departments recommend one smoke detector be located on each floor of the home.
- Develop an evacuation plan to exit the dwelling in the event of fire or other emergency.
- Test your smoke detector every month and change the batteries every 6 months.
- Notify the fire department if you or a family member has a disability that prevents your evacuation.

Check the Bathroom

- Always check the water temperature before entering the bath or shower.

Check the Bedroom

- DO NOT smoke in bed.

Check the Basement

- Use correct size fuses at all times.
- Gasoline, paints, solvents, and other flammable liquids should be stored out of living areas and away from heaters, furnaces, water heaters, ranges, and other gas appliances.
- Turn water heater temperature down to 115^oF.