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FIRE SAFETY FACTS AND TIPS

COOKING

- Cooking fires are one of the top causes of fires
- Never leave cooking unattended
- Wear an oven mitt and set your stove timer as a reminder that you are cooking just in case you get distracted (kids, pets, phone, etc.)
- Cook at the rear burners and turn your pot handles inward to prevent children from reaching the hot surface or pot
- Keep combustibles away from the cooking surfaces
- Never cook if you are sleepy or if you have consumed alcohol
- If you have a cooking fire – **GET OUT! AND STAY OUT!**
- Dial 9-1-1 from outside or from a neighbor's home

CANDLES

- Use candles with care – blow them out before you go out!
- Blow out all candles before you leave the room and before you go to sleep
- Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn
- Keep children and pets away from candles
- Consider using flameless candles instead of real "open flame" candles
- Place candles on a sturdy, non-combustible, uncluttered surface
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home
- Never use candles during a power outage. Use flashlights and battery-powered lighting instead

FIREPLACE

- Keep combustibles at least three feet away from the fireplace
- Make a minimum three-foot "kid-free zone" around the fireplace
- Have your chimney cleaned annually by a qualified professional
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home and other combustibles.
- Turn off or extinguish the fireplace fire before leaving the home and before going to sleep
- Never use gasoline/kerosene or other ignitable liquids to light your fireplace

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