



Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio

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fire safety check-in

FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS TO HELP PREVENT
DANGEROUS FIRES IN YOUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

Appliances and Electronics

- Stay attentive when using the stove... *don't leave it unattended and check for flammable items nearby*
- Clean out the lint trap on your dryer after each load of laundry... *lint can build up on the heating element and in other places inside the dryer, causing it to overheat*
- Keep space heaters away from items that are flammable... *coil space heaters are more likely to catch fire than a radiator-type heater*
- Always check the maximum recommended bulb wattage on any lighting fixture and never go over the recommended amount... *this is a leading cause for electrical fires*
- Limit connections to power sources... *don't plug several extension cords into each other, use separate outlets*

In Case of Emergency

- Regularly check carbon monoxide and smoke detectors... *batteries can die, and other parts of the device can wear out over time*
- Have an escape plan... *identify a safe meeting place away from your house if it catches fire*
- Have at least one fire extinguisher in your home... *did you know that fire extinguishers need to be regularly checked to ensure it is in good working order*
- Make sure to have a fire safe door to your garage... *they can reduce the spread of smoke and fire between compartments your home*

Smoking

- Keep igniters away from combustible materials... *this includes lighters, hot ash trays, etc. away from items likely to catch fire like paper and gas containers*
- Don't smoke while in bed... *most home fires deaths are caused by fires started in the bedroom and living areas*

Campfire Safety

- Clear a 10-foot area surrounding the fire pit... *keep a water source nearby in case the fire spreads beyond the intended area*
- Know the burning laws and regulations in your area... *some locations have burn bans at certain times of the year to prevent field fires caused by dry land and wind*

REDUCE YOUR RISKS, LIVE LONGER