FIRE PREVENTION
IT’S IN YOUR HANDS

From 2010 to 2014, the National Fire Protection Association estimated an average of 45,210 home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction, resulting in an estimated 420 deaths, 1,370 injuries, and $1.4 billion in property damage each year.

PREVENTION

15 The National Electrical Code has had 15 revisions since 1974, the year the average home was built. Is your home adequately protected?

52% of electrical fires are caused by an arc or short circuit.

1999 Was your home built before 1999? Call an electrician to ensure your home has AFCIs.

AFCI breakers and receptacles protect against arc faults and can prevent the majority of electrical fires.

Any electrical maintenance should be performed by qualified electricians to ensure proper NEC and fire prevention standards.

DURING A FIRE EVERY SECOND COUNTS. PLAN 2 WAYS OUT.

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

Test monthly, change battery yearly, replace alarm every 10 years.

Have at least one smoke alarm on every level, outside each sleeping area, and in every bedroom.

Draw out a fire escape plan.

Conduct a fire drill twice a year, once in the day, once at night, with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.

Have two ways out of every room and make sure they’re always easily accessible.

Have a designated meeting space outside your home and never reenter a burning building.

For more fire prevention tips visit ESFI.org

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