

# FIRE PREVENTION

## IT'S IN YOUR HANDS



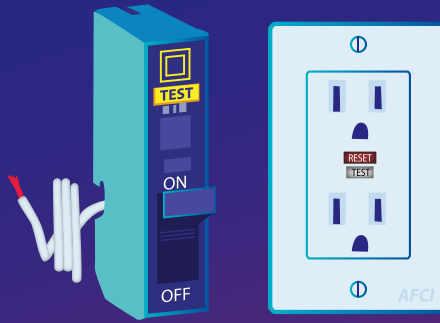
From 2010 to 2014, the National Fire Protection Association estimated an average of **45,210 home fires** caused by **electrical failure** or **malfunction**, resulting in an estimated 420 **deaths**, 1,370 **injuries** and \$1.4 billion in **property damage** each year.

### PREVENTION

# 15



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



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

# 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**.



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.

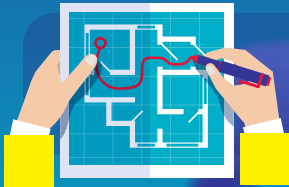
Test **monthly**, change battery **yearly**, replace alarm every **10 years**.



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**.



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