PREVENT FIRES, PROTECT THE HOME

Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, is October 4-10, 2015 with the theme "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep" to remind you that every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. In addition to functioning smoke alarms, there are many safe practices that can help prevent fires and promote electrical safety throughout your home.

SMOKE ALARMS should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. They should be TESTED MONTHLY, and batteries should be replaced each year. Replace alarms every 10 YEARS.

Do NOT overload outlets. Power strips do NOT provide more power to a location, only more access to the same limited capacity of the circuit into which it is connected.

Have Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) installed to safeguard against ARC-FAULTS, which could cause a FIRE.

An appliance that repeatedly blows a fuse or trips a circuit breaker could signify a SERIOUS electrical problem. UNPLUG IMMEDIATELY and have it repaired or replaced.

Use only light bulbs that match the RECOMMENDED WATTAGE on the light fixture.

Extension cords should only be used as a TEMPORARY SOLUTION and should never be run through walls, doorways, ceilings or floors.

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