

# 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.

Check the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website ([www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)) for recent recalls of any appliances in your home.

The outlets in your kitchen should have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection. Remember to test GFCIs monthly to ensure they are functioning properly.

Unplug all countertop appliances after use. Do so by pulling on the plug, not the cord, to avoid damage to the cord.



Keep all countertop appliances and their cords away from the sink and heat sources, like the stovetop.

Never leave food that is cooking unattended.

