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FIRE

Safety

& Your Home Escape Plan

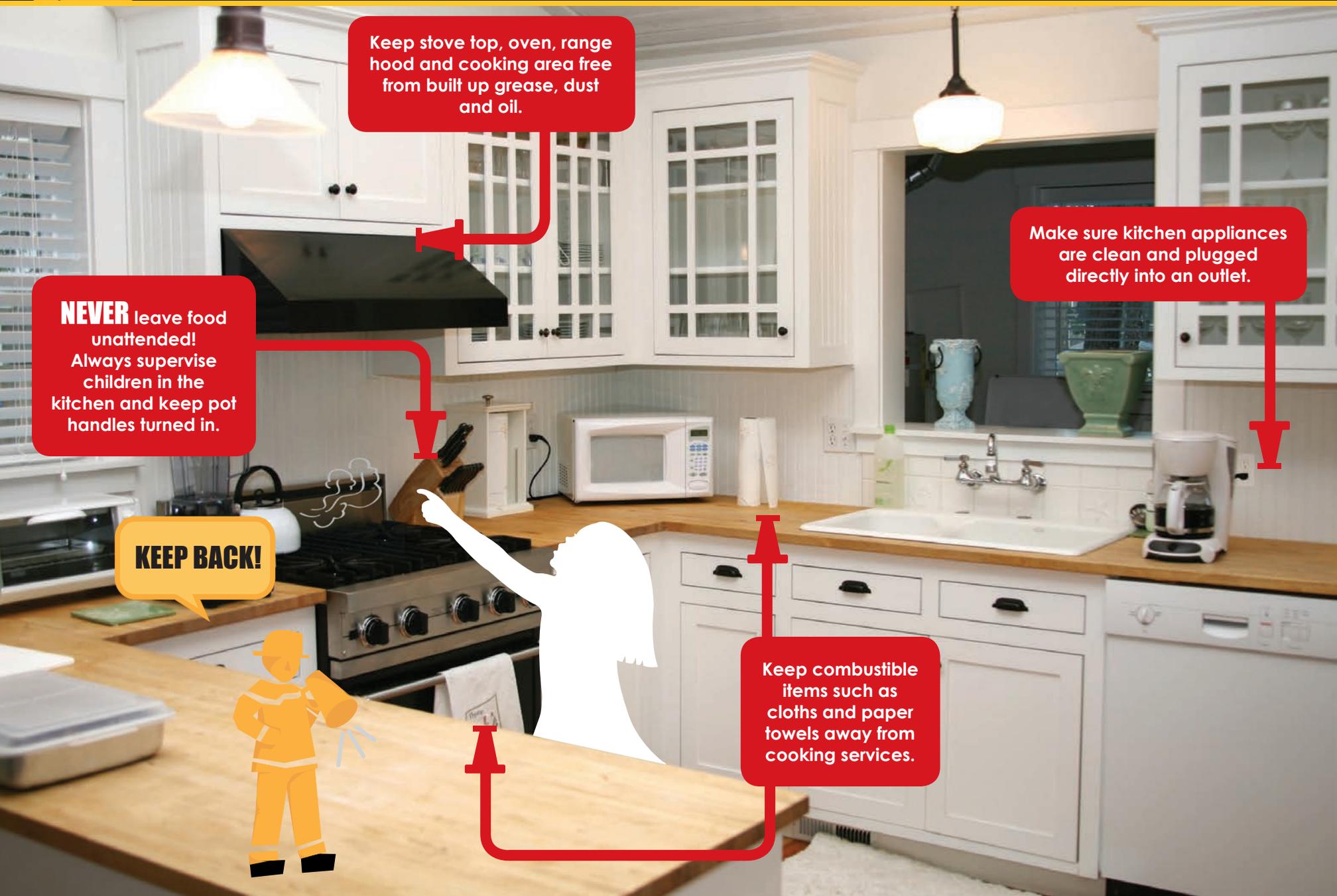




Kitchen & Cooking

Food left unattended is the leading cause of structure fires in Alabama. So pay attention in the kitchen!

*A fire extinguisher should be kept close by (but not directly in) the cooking area. Only use the extinguisher if you are physically and mentally able to do so. Otherwise, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT!***



Keep stove top, oven, range hood and cooking area free from built up grease, dust and oil.

Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and plugged directly into an outlet.

NEVER leave food unattended!
Always supervise children in the kitchen and keep pot handles turned in.

KEEP BACK!

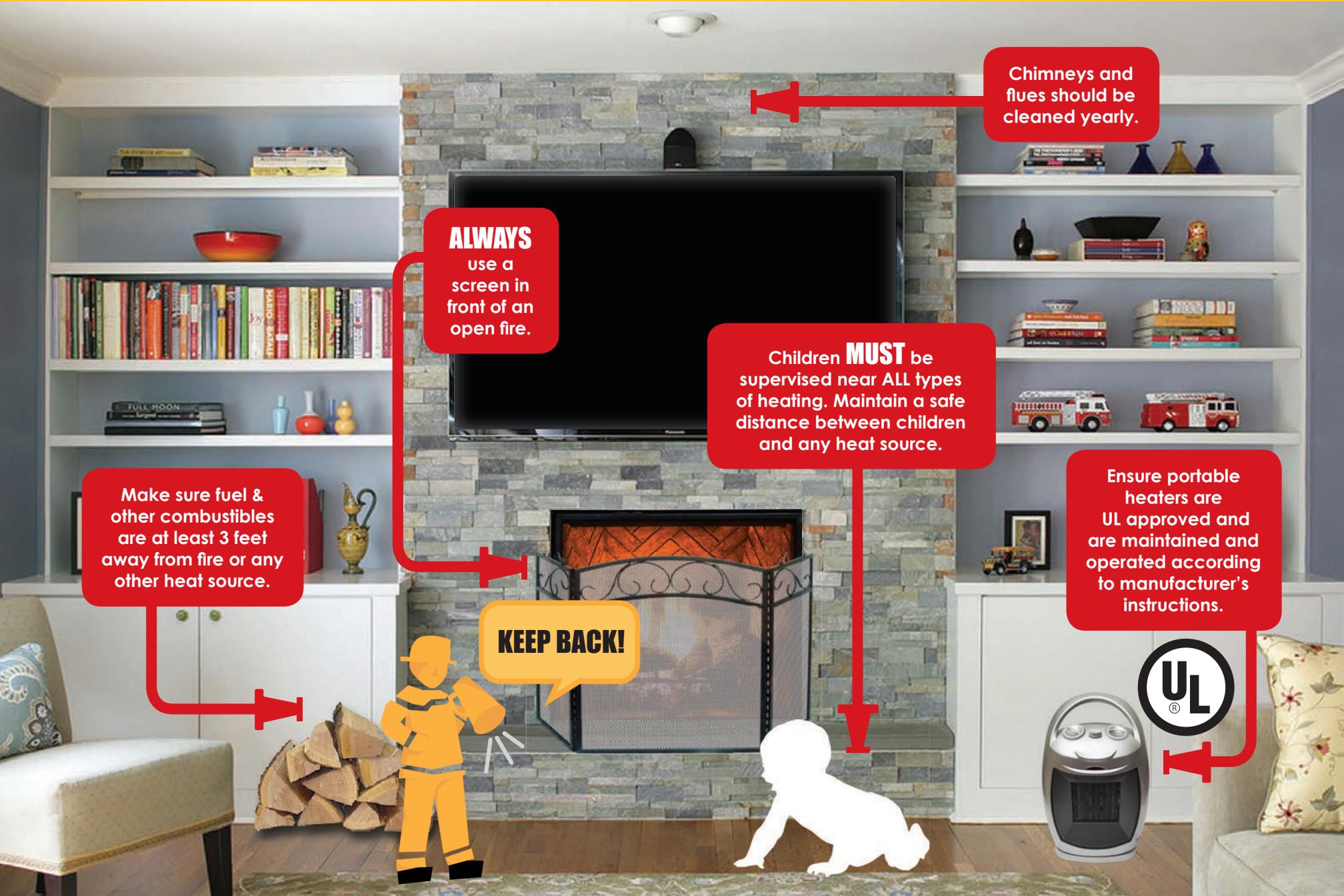
Keep combustible items such as cloths and paper towels away from cooking services.



Heating

Heating includes fixed gas or electric appliances, fireplaces, or portable space heaters. Fires caused by heating increase during winter months.

TURN OFF ALL portable heating and extinguish any open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.



Chimneys and flues should be cleaned yearly.

ALWAYS use a screen in front of an open fire.

Children **MUST** be supervised near ALL types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and any heat source.

Make sure fuel & other combustibles are at least 3 feet away from fire or any other heat source.

Ensure portable heaters are UL approved and are maintained and operated according to manufacturer's instructions.

KEEP BACK!





Bedroom

The highest risk for fire is at night while you are sleeping.

BE PREPARED! Make sure you have a **WORKING** smoke detector in each sleeping area. Keep doors closed to slow the spread of smoke and fire.

DO NOT sleep with any device charging under your pillow or on your bed.

Keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from space heaters and be sure to turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Have a fire escape ladder for second floor bedrooms.



Smoking in bed is very **DANGEROUS!**
DO NOT Smoke in bed!



Smoke Alarms

A smoke alarm is the single most important thing you can have to increase your chances of surviving a house fire. Only WORKING smoke alarms save lives!

Without a working smoke alarm in your home you are:
58% more likely to have property damage,
33% more likely to suffer injury, and
4 TIMES more likely to die in a house fire!

EVERY 10 YEARS:
All smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
NO EXCEPTIONS!



TWICE A YEAR:
Change the batteries in your smoke alarms.
(Daylight Saving Time)



EVERY MONTH:
Test your smoke alarms by pressing the button and listening for the **BEEP!**



USE ONLY
UL approved alarms and install them in every sleeping room and outside sleeping areas on **EVERY** level of your home.

If possible, have your alarms interconnected by a licensed electrician for best protection.



Electricity

Electrical devices such as multi-plugs, extension cords, and surge protectors are an increasing cause of fires. Make sure you know what you're purchasing.

ALWAYS use UL approved devices and follow the manufacturer's instructions.



Be sure to use a licensed electrician to repair any damaged/faulty electrical appliances, wiring, or equipment.



NEVER
OVERLOAD
A SURGE
PROTECTOR!



DO NOT USE
extension cords for
permanent wiring.
Always check for
damage and pinch
points regularly
during use.



Home Escape Plan

It is vital that you know what to do if a fire occurs. Follow these rules to plan how you would escape a fire in your home.

*Having a home escape plan is **ESSENTIAL** to your family's safety. **DEVELOP** your plan together and practice it as a family!*

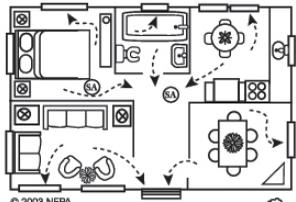
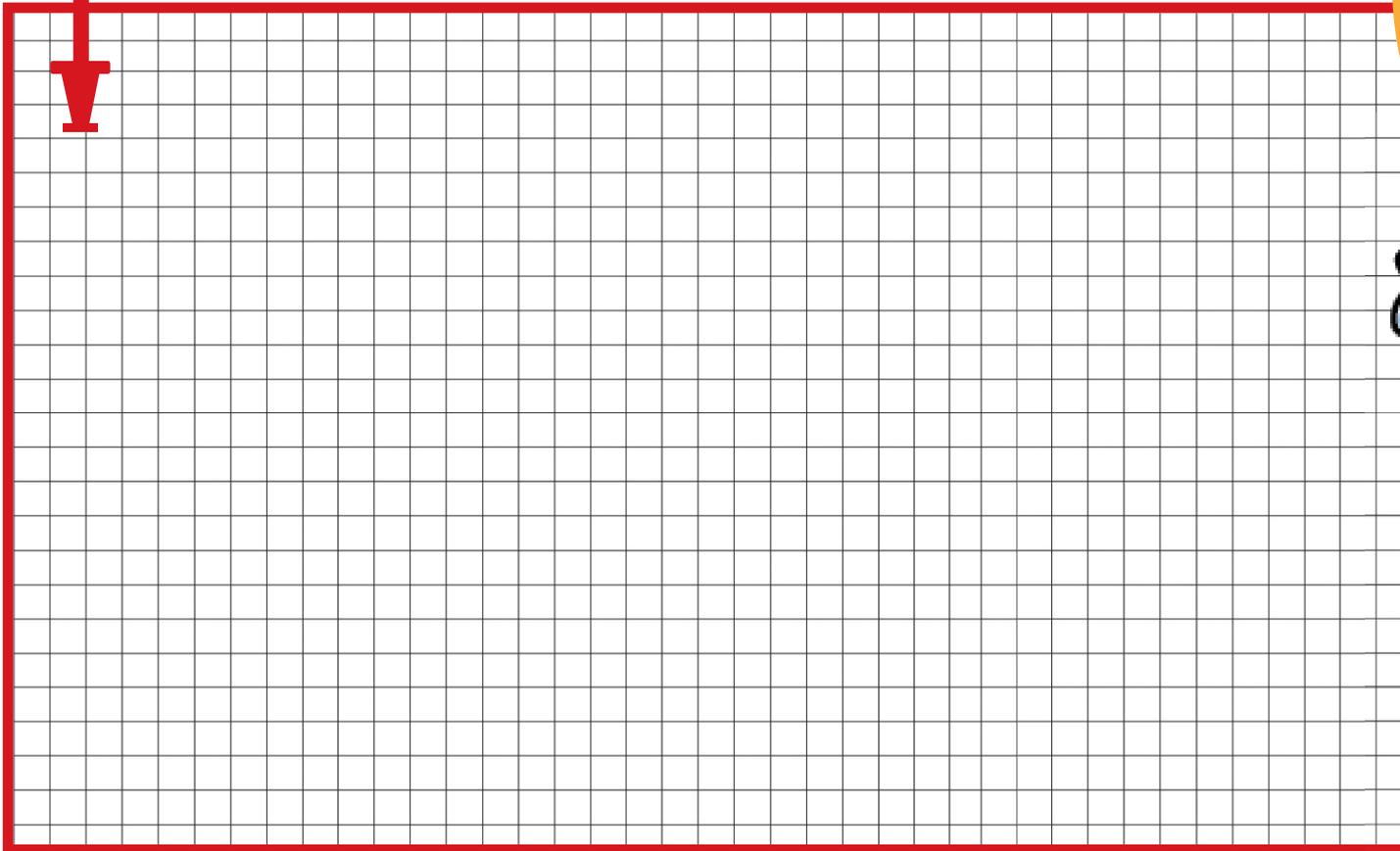




Make your own Home Escape Plan

Use this space to sketch out your escape routes in case of an emergency.

Use the space below to create your home fire escape plan.



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- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with SA. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

REMEMBER:
Practice your plan together as a family in daylight and at night.

Visit
www.sparky.org
for games and
activities
for kids!



- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



Laundry Room

The laundry room has electrical appliances and is used to store cleaning products and chemicals. Good housekeeping is essential for safety here.



Grilling

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. Make sure to follow these tips to enjoy it safely.

POISON CONTROL
(800) 222-1222

Keep electrical appliances away from water.

Keep cleaners and chemicals out of reach of children.

Clean your dryer's lint filter after each use.

ONLY USE BBQ GRILLS OUTDOORS!

Make sure you are away from any structures and clear of any overhanging eaves or branches.

Test gas tank hose annually for leaks and make sure connections are tight.





Fireworks

Detonating fireworks within the city limits is **ILLEGAL!**
Leave it to the professionals.



Useful Links

Check out these sites for more information on home safety and emergency preparedness.



The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.

After a display, never attempt to pick up leftover fireworks, they could still be active.

Be smart, be safe!
Even a simple sparkler burns at **1200 DEGREES!**



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American Red Cross
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