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The New York City Fire Department stresses the importance of fire safety and fire prevention.

The FDNY wants you to become part of our Fire Safety Team. Keeping you and your family fire safe

-- whether at home, work or school --

takes planning, preparation and teamwork.

Fire prevention starts with you.

So talk it over with your family and remember:

1 INSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS

Test them often to make sure they work.

Replace the batteries at least twice a year when you change your clock for daylight savings.

2 HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Develop a home escape plan with your family in case of fire. Practice it. Have a pre-arranged meeting place somewhere outside.

3 HOME SAFETY INSPECTION

*Conduct a safety inspection of potential fire hazards in the home. **Eliminate** them.*

Make every room fire safe.



New York City Fire Department Top Ten Fire Safety Tips

- 1.** Smoke alarms save lives. Install and maintain them.
- 2.** Smoking and drinking are a lethal combination. Smoking carelessness is a leading cause of fire. Don't empty ashtrays into the trash.
- 3.** Keep matches, lighters and candles away from children.
- 4.** Be careful with candles. Don't leave them unattended. Never sleep with candles burning.
- 5.** Remove electrical cords from under rugs and behind radiators. Never nail or staple the cord to walls or molding.
- 6.** Never overload outlets and extension cords.
- 7.** Never put a portable space heater near drapes, furniture, bedding or other flammable materials.
- 8.** Move flammable liquids stored near the stove or other heat source to a safe, distant location.
- 9.** Remove all materials on or near your stove that could catch fire, including paper, dishcloths, etc.
- 10.** Early notification can make all the difference — in case of fire, call **911**.