



# FIRE SAFETY BULLETIN

## TOP SEVEN FDNY TIPS

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**Installing and maintaining a smoke alarm will reduce your chances of dying in a fire in half. Install alarms on every floor and in bedrooms for extra protection.**

Seventy percent of fire deaths occur in homes with an inoperable smoke alarm or no smoke alarm present. The majority of the deaths are children and older adults.

**2**

**Never smoke while lying down, especially if you are drowsy, medicated, or have been drinking. Completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding.**



Smokers are seven times more likely than nonsmokers to have a fire in their home.



**Store matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children. Provide close continuous supervision of children.**



Child fire deaths are most often due to children playing with matches or utility lighters.

**3**

**4**

**Stay in the kitchen while cooking and wear short or tight fitting sleeves.**



Unattended cooking accounts for thirty-three percent of home fires.

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**Never use an extension cord with large current appliances such as a space heater, air conditioner or refrigerator.**

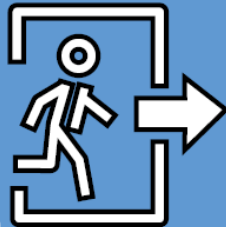


Extension cords can cause home fires by overheating due to overloading the outlet.

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**Plan and practice a fire escape plan. Do not attempt to fight the fire yourself.**

**Get out and CLOSE THE DOOR. Call 911 from a safe location.**



Smoke and fire kills! You may have less than three minutes to get to safety.

**7**

**Never leave burning candles unattended.**



Half of the people killed by candle fires in the home were younger than 20 years of age.