**FIRE SAFETY BULLETIN**

**TOP SEVEN FDNY TIPS**

1. 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.

70 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.


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

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

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

5. 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.

6. 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.


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