



# FDNY'S TOP SEVEN FIRE SAFETY RULES



**1. 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.

**2. Never smoke while lying down, especially if 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.



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

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

**4. 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.



**5. 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.



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

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



**7. Never leave burning candles unattended.**

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

