Follow these simple steps to prevent fires:

- Space heaters need to have at least 3 feet of space around them.
- Keep towels and curtains away from the stove, space heaters or other heat sources.
- Use caution with candles! Make sure the flames are at least a foot away from anything flammable, such as curtains, bedding, plants, etc.
- Check that all lamps and small appliances are off before leaving for break.
- Test smoke alarms every 6 months.
- Keep volatile chemicals, such as fertilizers and turpentine, in their original containers in a locked storage area separate from the home.
- Be careful not to overload electrical outlets, extension cords. Invest in a safety rated power strip to keep you and your possessions safe.

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BE SAFE!
CANDLE SAFETY

Candles are a leading cause of death, don’t let it happen to you. We recommend NOT using candles, but if you do...

- Put them on a heat resistant surface.
- Place them in a proper, stable holder.
- Position them away from curtains.
- Don’t put them under shelves.
- Keep clothes and hair away.
- Keep children and pets away.
- Don’t move them when they are burning.
- Don’t leave them burning if you are leaving the room.
- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put them out so sparks do not fly and ignite nearby objects.
- Double-check they are out before leaving home or going to bed.

Portable Heater Tips

- Read the instructions and warning labels before using any portable electric air heater product.
- Keep flammable materials away from heater.
- Unless heater is designed for use outdoors or in bathrooms, DO NOT use in these areas.
- Check periodically for secure plug or outlet fit.
- Unplug heater when not being used.
- Do not use heater with a damaged cord.
- Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from objects such as curtains, bedding furniture and other things that could catch on fire.

Kitchen Fire Safety

- Stay by the stove when the burner is on. A stove fire can erupt in seconds, so it is important that you are nearby to put out the flames. The most dangerous and flammable cooking ingredient is oil, so never leave hot oil unattended. It can burst into flames within seconds.
- Wear tight-fitting clothing while cooking.
- Aim pot handles towards the center and away from traffic. This fire safety tip will prevent one’s elbow from knocking against the handle and spilling food, or even worse, hot oil or fat onto yourself or the burner.
- Open microwave food slowly and let it cool before eating.
- Clean the grease off the stove regularly. One major fire safety problem is allowing grease to build up, because large amounts of grease can ignite.
- Make sure the stove is off once you are done and make sure nothing will catch on fire that is left behind.