



Children's Burn Foundation

Giving New Hope

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

### PREVENT FIRES:

#### Candles

- **Never** leave a child unattended in a room with a candle.
- Place candles **out of reach of children and pets**.
- **Extinguish all candles** when leaving a room or going to sleep.

#### Fireplaces

- **Supervise children and pets** at all times when using a fireplace. Glass and metal screens will retain heat and can burn to the touch.
- Have wood stoves, fireplaces, chimneys **inspected annually**.
- Have any gas fuel heating device **installed with proper ventilation**.

#### Heaters

- **Keep a 32-inch clearance** between space heaters and anything that can burn such as clothing, blankets, curtains and paper.
- **Supervise children and pets** at all times when using a portable space heater.

#### Electrical

- **Be sure not to overload extension cords**.
- **Don't throw anything over a lamp** - blankets or clothing on lamps can catch fire.

### BE PREPARED:

- **Have Emergency phone numbers** available on the refrigerator or in an obvious place.
- **Teach Your Children** to Call 911 in case of an emergency and to memorize their address and your phone number.
- **Make an escape plan and PRACTICE it!** Work with your family to plan how to get out of your home if there is a fire.
- **Plan two ways out of every room**. The first way out should be a door.
- **Choose a meeting place**. Pick a safe and easy-to-remember spot outside your home where your family will meet in the event of a fire.
- **Test smoke alarms monthly**, and put new batteries in twice a year, when the clocks change.

### IF A FIRE OCCURS:

#### If Clothes Catch on Fire:

- **Stop - Drop - and Roll**.
- **Remove clothing from the burned area**. If material sticks to the skin, cool it, and leave it alone.
- **Call 911** or other emergency number.
- **Seek medical attention**.

#### If a Fire Breaks Out:

- **STAY CALM**. You are in charge and need to think clearly in order to help the children.
- Follow your Escape Plan.
- **GET THE CHILDREN OUT OF THE HOUSE IMMEDIATELY**. Don't try to fight the fire.
- If there is smoke, crawl with the child under the smoke until you reach the door.
- Test the door knob with the back of your hand. If it is hot, use another exit.
- If you can, close the door as you leave.
- Take the children to a neighbor's house and then call the fire department or 9-1-1
- **STAY OUT!** Once you're out, stay out. Do not go back for anything!