

IN THE KITCHEN

Stay in the kitchen while cooking. Do not leave your cooking unattended. Use a timer when cooking, especially when cooking more than one thing at a time. Keep the lid to pots and pans right next to the stove for easy access when needed. Turn handles inward so they cannot be knocked over easily.

HEATING YOUR HOME

Adhere to the 3' Rule: keep heat sources at least 3 feet apart from each other and from anything that can be flammable.

When possible, have auto-shutoff for space heaters. If your space heater doesn't have that feature, set an alarm or timer to remind you.

Have yearly maintenance performed on your Heating System and Fireplace.

Invest in CO Alarms for your home. Odorless gases can be deadly.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Be mindful of frequent Breaker Trips. If something you are using is causing this, stop using that item and have a professional come look at your system.

Replace worn outlets.

Avoid extension cords when possible, and certainly do not "daisy-chain" (which is when you plug extension cords into other extension cords).

Don't overcrowd outlets. You may be able to get an extender that allows 6 things to be plugged in, but we recommend stick to the 2 spaces on the original outlet.

CANDLE SAFETY

Never leave burning candles unattended.

Have sturdy candle holder(s) to set candles on, if you use them.

Don't touch/move candles when they are lit or still have melted, warm wax in them.

Keep lit candles away from other lit candles. You can use the 3' rule here as well.

Keep away from flammable materials; the small flame of the candle can cause a big fire.

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