Fire Safety

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Also called: Fire prevention

Preventing fires is an important part of fire safety. In the United States, cooking is the main cause of home fires. Cigarettes are a big risk too - they are the leading cause of fire deaths. Here are some fire safety do's and don'ts.

- Don't leave the stove or oven unattended when they are on.
- Don't let children use kitchen appliances unsupervised.
- Don't smoke in bed.
- Do make sure your smoke alarms work.
- Do have fire extinguishers on every floor and in your kitchen.
- Do have an escape plan.
- Do make sure your electrical appliances and cords are in good condition.

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  Also available in Spanish [http://www.redcross.org/cruz-roja/preparate/incendios]
- Fire Safety [http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/fire.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/seguridad/fire_esp.html]

Overviews

- Escape Planning [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/escape/] (United States Fire Administration)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/espanol/escape/index.shtm]

Latest News

- Use Sunscreen Spray? Avoid Open Flame [http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm359437] (07/03/2013, Food and Drug Administration)
- Leave Fireworks to Professionals [http://www.cdc.gov/family/minutes/tips/fireworks/] (06/05/2013, Centers for
Specific Conditions

- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/home_fire_prev/bedroom.shtm]
- Campus Fire Safety: Safety Tips for Students and Parents [http://www.usa.fema.gov/citizens/college/] (United States Fire Administration)
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/home_fire_prev/electrical.shtm]
- Fireworks Information Center [http://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/] (Consumer Product Safety Commission)
- Focus on Fire Safety: Wildfire [https://www.usa.fema.gov/citizens/focus/wildfire.shtm] (United States Fire Administration)
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/home_fire_prev/highrise.shtm]
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/hotel_motel/index.shtm]
- Portable Fire Extinguishers [http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation/portable.html] (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/detectoresdehumo/sprinklers/index.shtm]
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/home_fire_prev/ruralfiresafety.shtm]

Related Issues

- Appliance Fires [http://www.usa.fema.gov/citizens/focus/appliances.shtm] (United States Fire Administration)
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.usa.fema.gov/espanol/home_fire_prev/cookingfiresafety.shtm]
Product Safety Commission - PDF


Videos

- Fire Safety at Home [http://www.healthyroadsmedia.org/titles/engfiresafety.htm] (Healthy Roads Media)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.healthyroadsmedia.org/titles/spafiresafety.htm]

Games


Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)


Organizations

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [http://www.cdc.gov]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.cdc.gov/spanish/]
- National Fire Protection Association [http://www.nfpa.org/]
- United States Fire Administration [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/]

Statistics


Children

- What to Do in a Fire [http://kidshealth.org/kid/watch/er/fire_safety.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/seguuridad/fire_safety_esp.html]

Seniors

- Fire Safety for Older Adults and Their Caregivers [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/older/caregivers.shtm] (United States Fire Administration)
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