

## 10 Residential Fire Safety Tips

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### **1 Prepare and rehearse your home fire escape plans.**

If fire breaks out in your home, you must get out fast. With your family, plan two ways out of every room and have flash lights and first-aid kits ready. Fire escape routes must not include elevators, which might take you right to the fire! Choose a meeting place outside where everyone should gather. Once you are out, stay out! Have the whole family practice the escape plan at least twice a year. In additions, do not block exits or hallways.

### **2 Utilize your electricity safely.**

If an appliance smokes or begins to smell unusual, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Check all your electrical cords, and replace any that are cracked or frayed. If you use extension cords, replace any that are cracked or frayed; and don't overload them or run them under rugs. Remember that fuses and circuit breakers protect you from fire: don't tamper with the fuse box or use fuses of an improper size.

### **3 Leave the heaters with safe space from their surrodings.**

Keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet (1 meter) from paper, curtains, furniture, clothing, bedding, or anything else that can burn. Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed, and keep children and pets well away from them.

### **4 Never leave your cooking unattended.**

Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles, and don't leave cooking unattended. Keep your pot's handles turned inward so children won't knock or pull them over the edge of the stove. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames, and then turn off the burner.

### **5 Educate your children to stay out of the fire and keep matches and lighters out their reach.**

In the hands of a child, matches or lighters are extremely dangerous. Store them up high where kids can't reach them, preferably in a locked cabinet. And teach your children from the start that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys for kids. If children find matches, they should tell an adult immediately.

### **6 No Smoking in bed and always lights your cigarettes out accordingly.**

Never smoke in bed or when drowsy or medicated. Provide smokers with deep, sturdy ashtrays. Douse cigarette and cigar butts with water before disposal.

## 7 **Never leave the inabilities or children home alone.**

Those who have difficulty in responding to fire should not leave home alone without adults or able-bodied families. Once fire happens, children, the aged, physically-impaired or mentally-impaired dependents are not easy to escape from fire.

## 8 **Avoid decorating the interiors with flammable materials.**

For your safety, use flame-proof materials when you decorate the interior of a room or building. Once fire happens, these materials can stop or reduce the spread of initial fire.

## 9 **Clean out combustible objects in your residential areas and keep the motorcycles out of the arcades to prevent accidental fires.**

Clean out storage areas in and around residence. Do not let trash, such as old newspapers and magazines, accumulate. Also, do not park motorcycle in the arcade or entrance for preventing arson.

## 10 **Install fire safety equipments.**

Install A-B-C-type fire extinguishers in your residence and teach family members how to use them for extinguishing at the beginning of fire. Consider install Smoke Detectors to warn you of fire in time to let you escape. Install them on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Follow the manufacturer's directions, and test once a week. Replace batteries twice a year, or when the detector chirps to signal that the battery is dead. Don't ever take the battery out for other uses.

### 居家防火 10 項提示

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- 一、規劃並演練居家逃生避難計畫。
- 二、安全使用電器設備。
- 三、使用電熱器具應保持安全間距。
- 四、烹飪煮食切記「人離火熄」。
- 五、教育兒童不可玩火，妥善保管火柴及打火機。
- 六、不可在床上吸煙，審慎處理煙蒂。
- 七、勿將行動不便者或幼童獨留屋內。
- 八、不用易燃材料進行室內裝修。
- 九、住家及四周不要堆放可燃物，騎樓不要停放機車以防縱火。
- 十、裝設消防安全設備。