

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Remember, houses and other property are replaceable, lives are not. If you see or smell smoke or sense there is something wrong, get out of the building immediately. Call 911 from outside the building, such as a neighbor's house.

SMOKE DETECTORS

1. Have a smoke detector installed on every floor of your house, including one outside of every sleeping area and one in each bedroom.
2. Test your smoke detectors every month.
3. Change your smoke detector batteries at least twice a year. A good way to remember is when you "Change your clock, change your batteries". Change your batteries when you change your clocks for daylight savings time.
4. Smoke detectors, on average, have a ten year lifespan. Replace detectors in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.
5. Always install smoke detectors in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Smoke detectors installed incorrectly may delay in reporting of smoke in your house.

CHIMNEYS

1. Have your chimneys inspected and cleaned at least once a year. Creosote, which is highly combustible, can build up inside chimneys and can catch fire.
2. Chimney fires are not always contained to the chimney. Many chimneys that are not properly inspected have cracks that the fire can spread to other parts of the house.
3. Cracks in the chimney can also send deadly levels of carbon monoxide into the house.

FURNACES/BOILERS

1. Have your furnace or boiler serviced at least once a year by a licensed contractor.
2. Improperly vented furnaces or boilers can produce and build up deadly amounts of carbon monoxide.

CARBON MONOXIDE

1. Carbon monoxide is the "silent killer". It is odorless and colorless. It can buildup in your home without your knowledge. It is important to install carbon monoxide detectors inside your home. Follow the manufacturer's installation guide for placement.

