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# FIRE HAZARDS & PREVENTION

#### 1. Unattended Stoves

- Stay in kitchen and do NOT put mail or papers on stove top.

# 2. Heating Equipment / Fireplaces

- Have HVAC inspected once a year by a Licensed Contractor.
- Have qualified chimney sweep inspect & clean every year if used.
- 3. Smoking
  - Be tentative and use fireproof storage container.
- 4. Faulty Electrical Wiring
  - Have electrical panel inspected.

#### 5. Non-working Smoke/CO Alarms

- Replace every 10 years and batteries annually.
- 6. Grills
  - Keep 10 ft away from structures and clean grease annually.
- 7. E-Bikes
  - Unplug from wall when charging is done.

# 8. Extension Cords & Power Strips

- Cords are temporary use only.

- Strips are NOT to be used for space heaters and appliances, overloading circuits.

#### 9. Bath Exhaust Fans

- Clean dust and dirt buildup from fan unit and grill bi-annually.

# 10. Clutter, Furniture & Hoarding

- Bed mattresses should NOT be pushed against a plug in an outlet/receptacle.

#### 11. Old Appliances

- Outdated safety features.
- 12. Oily Rags

- Piles can self combust through oxidation.

- 13. Dryer Lint
  - Clean lint trap before every use and clean duct annually.

# 14. Sleeping With Bedroom Doors Open

- Keeping them closed prevents spread giving you 15 minutes safe space.

- 15. Space Heaters
  - Keep 3 ft away, do NOT use extension cord or power strip.

# 16. Chemicals

- Proper storage of gasoline, propane tanks, etc.

17. Candles

- Make sure they are clear from combustibles including drapes.

# 18. Exposed closet light bulbs

- Should be an enclosed light fixture.
- **19. Seasonal Hazards** 
  - Fireworks, Christmas Tree, Halloween, Holiday Lighting.

#### **20.** Check Fire Extinguishers

- Annually check location, placement, expiration date, type.
- Recommend a "Fire Blanket" for kitchen.