

Smoking

- Only large, deep, non-tip ashtrays used
- Metal container used for ashes & butts
- No smoking in bed
- No smoking while lying down
- No smoking when sleepy
- No smoking while using gasoline
- No smoking when oxygen is in use
- No smoking after consuming alcohol or after taking medication causing drowsiness
- Cigarette butts doused with water before discarding them in metal container

Heaters

- Nothing within 1 metre of a heater, furnace, stove or fireplace
- Heating system inspected by certified technician annually
- Electric heaters have auto-shutoff for tipping or overheating
- Portable heaters turned off before leaving room or going to bed
- Heavy-duty extension cords used for portable heaters, when required

Electrical

- No electrical cords placed under rugs or carpets
- No cords running across doorways
- No cracked or frayed electrical cords
- Heavy-duty extension cords used for high wattage appliances (freezer, heater, air conditioner, etc.)
- No "permanent" extension cords present
- All electrical appliances carry CSA approval
- No electrical outlets are overloaded
- Switch plates are on all switches and outlets
- No electric blankets in poor condition
- No heating pads in poor condition
- No electrical appliances near tubs or sinks

Kitchen

- Kitchen area is uncluttered
- Stove, oven and appliances are clean, free of grease build-up and in good working condition
- Oven mitts and pot holders are easily accessible
- Handles on pots and pans are secure and in good condition
- Always wear short sleeves or tight-fitting clothes when cooking
- Always turn pot handles away from the edge of the stove
- Never leave cooking unattended
- Always have pot lids near the stove to cover a pan fire

Other Safety Issues

- Working smoke alarms on every storey of home and outside sleeping areas
- Smoke alarms tested monthly, vacuumed semi-annually and batteries changed annually
- Have a home fire escape plan and practiced it with all members of the family
- Walkways, hallways and escape routes are free of clutter and obstructions
- Water heater set at 120°F or "Warm"
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required by law outside of each sleeping area if there are fuel-burning appliances in the home (eg. forced air gas furnace, gas water heater, natural gas stove and/or fireplace, or an attached garage)
- Water heater set at 120°F or "Warm"
- CO alarms tested monthly, and batteries changed annually

Burn Treatment

- If clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP & ROLL
- If smoke alarm sounds – get out of house immediately
- Cool all burns with cool running water for 5 minutes or longer
- Do not put butter or ice on a burn – cool water only
- For serious burns – call 911

Outdoors

- Gasoline is stored outside the home in a detached garage or shed
- Never use gasoline for cleaning
- Never use gasoline to light fires
- Never use gasoline to kill weeds or pests

Changes or Improvements Required
