

Fire Safety

City of Lockport Fire Department *HOME SAFETY INSPECTION*

You CAN improve Fire Safety in your home. Start by making a fire safety inspection of your home. Check your house or apartment room by room to see which of these fire hazards you can find. **Then take action to correct them!**

<p>BASEMENT, GARAGE, STORAGE AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Piles of stored newspapers or other rubbish. Newspapers stored in a damp, warm place may ignite spontaneously.➤ Oily, greasy rags. If these must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers. Flammable liquids (varnish, paint remover, paint thinner, contact adhesives, cleaning fluids) stored near open flame or pilot lights and in anything other than labeled, sealed metal containers. Dispose of outdated or empty cans properly.➤ Overloaded extension cords.➤ Fuses of the wrong size.	<p>KITCHEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Overloaded outlets or extension cords.➤ Matches within easy reach of children.➤ Curtains or towel racks close to the range.➤ Flammable liquids (cleaning fluids, contact adhesives, etc.) or aerosols stored near the range or other heat source. Remember, even a pilot light can set vapors on fire. Dispose of outdated or empty cans properly.➤ Worn or frayed appliance or extension cords.
<p>LIVING \ FAMILY ROOM & BEDROOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Too small or too full ashtrays. Ashtrays should be large, deep and emptied frequently, but only when all signs of burning are gone.➤ Matches and lighters within reach of young children.➤ Worn or frayed extension cords or other electrical cords run under carpets or looped over nails or other sharp objects that cause them to fray.➤ Insufficient air space around TV and stereo that could cause them to overheat.➤ Curtains, furniture, papers near a space heater.➤ Overloaded outlets or extension cords.	

SAFE!

- ✓ Remove all materials on or near your stove that could catch on fire, including paper, dishcloths, etc.
- ✓ Put a box of baking soda and a large pot lid next to your stove. Get a kitchen fire extinguisher and learn to use it.
- ✓ Remove electrical cords from under rugs, those nailed to walls and behind radiators.
- ✓ Replace damaged cords on electrical appliances.
- ✓ Remove "octopuses" from electrical outlets.
- ✓ Discard old and unneeded flammable liquids such as cleaning fluids and paint thinners.
- ✓ Move flammable liquids stored near stoves or other heat sources to a safe, distant location.
- ✓ Clear area around portable space heaters of drapes, furniture, and other burnable materials.
- ✓ Empty ashtrays of paper. Place ashes in the toilet.
- ✓ Test your smoke detector regularly and replace batteries twice a year when you change your clock for Daylight Savings.

UN-SAFE!

- ✗ Cooking while wearing clothes with loose, floppy sleeves or full, billowing tops or skirts that may catch fire.
- ✗ Reaching over a range or climbing onto a range to get something stored above it.
- ✗ Attempting to extinguish a grease fire with anything but baking soda or a lid.
- ✗ Cooking without long hair tied back.
- ✗ Using gasoline to start a fire in the grill or adding lighter fluid to an already lit fire.
- ✗ Smoking in bed, in a chair or on the sofa when tired, drinking, or under medication.
- ✗ Smoking while using a cleaning fluid, paint thinner or other flammable liquid.
- ✗ Using a cigarette lighter after spilling fluid on the hands or clothing.
- ✗ Leaning against a range for warmth or standing too near a heater or fireplace.
- ✗ Using the range or oven as a heat source.
- ✗ Peering into a closet with a lighted match or candle.
- ✗ Sticking paper or wood into a space heater, especially children.
- ✗ Playing with matches or lighters. Small children do this frequently and so do some adults.
- ✗ Spraying aerosols (perfume, hairspray) while smoking or near a space heater, range or other ignition source.