

Things That We Will Be Checking

Sources Of Fire

Supplemental Home Heating Equipment

Cooking Equipment

Cigarette Lighters and Matches

Materials That Burn

Upholstered Furniture

Mattresses and Bedding

Wearing Apparel

Flammable Liquids

Early Warning and Escape

Smoke and CO Detectors

Home Escape Plan



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Operation Fire Safe

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Introduction

The United States has one of the world's highest rates of fire death and injury, making accidental fires one of its leading causes of preventable death among its people. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there was roughly \$6.5 billion worth of residential property damage in 2011, creating



Fire fighting is important. But fire safety should precede all else.

more than 2000 deaths and 13,000 injuries due to fires. Of these fires, those started by cooking equipment accounted for the highest incidences of fire (40% of

all fires), while upholstered furniture-originated fires caused the greatest number of fire deaths (18% of fire-related deaths).

While fire fighting has saved a number of lives, fire prevention and safety can be the key difference between living a comfortable life or a potentially dangerous one.

Smart Fire Safety Practices

Operation Fire Safe is a voluntary program intended to teach San Marino residents of the dangers of fire and how to prevent them. The main objectives of the program are:

1. Preventing accidental fires.
2. Improving life conditions.
3. Helping occupants understand and improving existing conditions.
4. Providing firefighters with an awareness of the occupancies in their jurisdiction.



Fire prevention starts with you.

Preventing fire may seem like an easy and logical guideline to follow, but one small misstep can make a huge difference.

The following are strategies to keep you and your family safe that SMFD will survey.

Kitchen

- ◆ Cooking is **never** left unattended.
- ◆ Unplug any unused appliances.
- ◆ In an event of a grease fire, put a lid on it.

Heating

- ◆ Do not cover baseboard heaters with furniture, curtains, or any other equipment.
- ◆ Keep portable heaters at least 3 feet apart from beds, furniture, and other equipment.
- ◆ **Never** leave portable heaters on unattended.
- ◆ Turn off portable heaters before sleeping.

Electrical

- ◆ Do not leave extension cords under rugs, doors, or tacked to walls.
- ◆ Use as few extension cords as possible.

Housekeeping

- ◆ Keep lighters and matches out of reach from children in a secure place.
- ◆ Light candles only in sturdy holders and **never** leave unattended.

Smoke Alarm

Should a fire occur despite these precautions, the next thing you don't want is a fire creeping up on you. Awareness can save your life, but the only way of safely knowing there's a fire in the house is with a smoke alarm.

Install

- ◆ Install smoke detectors according to the manufacture's guidelines on every floor and in every sleeping area and hallways leading to them.
- ◆ Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Inspect

- ◆ Regularly test and vacuum the alarms.
- ◆ Replace alarm battery every year or once the alarm starts "chirping".

Protect

- ◆ Develop a Home Escape Plan (*next page*) to follow in an event of a fire.
- ◆ During a fire, crawl low and evacuate. Once out, call 911.



Working smoke alarms can increase your chance of survival by 50%!

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