

# *10 Important Things to Remember about Fire Safety*

## **1. Crawl low under the smoke to your exit**

If you have to escape a fire through smoke, crawl low, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor, the air is cleaner at this lower level.

## **2. Plan your escape**

Make a home escape plan and hold regular fire drills so everyone in your household knows what to do in a fire emergency. When escaping a fire, feel the cracks around doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If they're warm, try another escape route.

## **3. Install smoke alarms**

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, inside and outside of the bedrooms. Test them once a month, and replace their batteries once a year.

## **4. Be careful with smoking materials**

Never smoke in bed. Never smoke when you drowsy or have been drinking or taking medication.

## **5. Install an automatic home fire sprinkler system**

Automatic fire sprinkler systems control or extinguish fires in less time than it takes for the fire department to arrive. Consider installing a system in your home.

## **6. Use electricity safely**

Replace damaged electrical cords and repair appliances that smell, smoke, or overheat.

## **7. Cook safely**

Never leave cooking unattended, and keep cooking areas clean and uncluttered.

## **8. Space heaters need space**

Keep portable and space heaters at least three (3) feet from anything that can burn.

## **9. Keep matches and lighters out of the sight of children**

Keep matches and lighter away from children-store them up high in a locked cabinet.

## **10. Stop, Drop, and Roll if your clothes catch fire**

If your clothing catches fire, stop and don't run. Drop to the ground and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cool the burn and call 911 for help.