

*"To Provide For The Protection
And Safety Of Our Citizens"*



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Kitchen & Cooking

Food left unattended is the leading cause of structure fires in Alabama. So pay attention in the kitchen!

*A fire extinguisher should be kept close by (but not directly in) the cooking area. Only use the extinguisher if you are physically and mentally able to do so. Otherwise, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT!***

Keep stove top, oven, range hood and cooking area free from built up grease, dust and oil.

NEVER leave food unattended!
Always supervise children in the kitchen and keep pot handles turned in.

KEEP BACK!



Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and plugged directly into an outlet.

Keep combustible items such as cloths and paper towels away from cooking services.



Bedroom

The highest risk for fire is at night while you are sleeping.

BE PREPARED! Make sure you have a **WORKING** smoke detector in each sleeping area. Keep doors closed to slow the spread of smoke and fire.

BLOW OUT CANDLES

when leaving or before sleep.

DO NOT

sleep with any device charging under your pillow or on your bed.

Have a fire escape ladder for second floor bedrooms.



Keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from space heaters and be sure to turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.



Smoking in bed is very **DANGEROUS!**
DO NOT
Smoke in bed!



Heating

Heating includes wall heaters, gas or electric appliances, fireplaces, or portable space heaters. Fires caused by heating increase during winter months.

TURN OFF ALL portable heating and extinguish any open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.

Chimneys and flues should be cleaned yearly.

ALWAYS

use a screen in front of an open fire.

Children **MUST** be supervised near ALL types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and any heat source.

Make sure fuel & other combustibles are at least 3 feet away from fire or any other heat source.

Ensure portable heaters are UL (Underwriters Laboratory) approved and are maintained and operated according to manufacturer's instructions.

KEEP BACK!





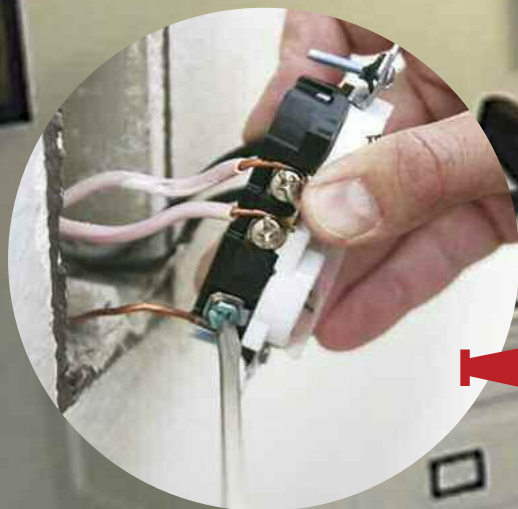
Electricity

Electrical devices such as multi-plugs, extension cords, and surge protectors are an increasing cause of fires. Make sure you know what you're purchasing.

ALWAYS use UL approved devices and follow the manufacturer's instructions.



Be sure to use a licensed electrician to repair any damaged/faulty electrical appliances, wiring, or equipment.



PAY CLOSE ATTENTION

to family consoles, cell phones, and multiple other devices
-
and
NEVER
OVERLOAD
A SURGE
PROTECTOR!

DO NOT USE
extension cords for permanent wiring. Always check for damage and pinch points regularly during use.

