

# Fire safety week

## October 4th to October 9th

*There are a few things that I think you should know over the years in the past we have lost homes due to not being prepared for fires. As we head into winter, and we need to be a little more careful and I hope where I present to you the community will do such things as have your minds in coming forward a good safe winter.*

## Where to Place Fire Safety Products



## 1. Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors & Smoke Detectors

Install and regularly maintain carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to guard against deadly gas leaks and fire hazards. Make sure to replace batteries regularly and test them once a month.

Consult your user manuals for the best placement for these life-saving devices in your home. Smoke detectors should always be installed on the ceiling, while carbon monoxide detectors should be kept close to sleeping areas, like bedrooms and hallways

## 2. Avoid Overloading Extension Cords

Extension cords are not designed for long-term use; replace them regularly. Keep extension cords out of high traffic areas, and inspect them frequently for damage. Don't overload extension cords with plugs and ensure that you do not exceed the maximum wattage allowed.



## 3. Prevent Electrical Damage with Surge Protectors

If you have a lot of electrical equipment, surge protectors will help prevent damage in the event of power surges. This is different from power strips, which only provide more outlets for use. Never plug in one surge protector into another as a "daisy chain" — this can risk blown fuses or electrical fire.



## 4. Be Prepared with an Exit Plan

Have a backup exit method prepared in case your primary method is blocked — purchase collapsible ladders to place near a window. Never open a warm door; if the door's top, knob, and crack feel warm or hot, use your secondary escape route. If you must escape through a smoky area, cover your mouth and stay as low to the ground as possible. And teach kids not to hide (say, under a bed) from firefighters!

## 5. Don't Ignore Fireplace Safety

Never use gasoline, kerosene, or lighter fluid to start a fire in your fireplace. Check regularly for cracks, loose bricks, or other defects in your fireplace.

I know this sounds silly to say about using fire starters but there are safe bar fire starter bars out there that save starters to help assist in getting your fires going but fuel is not the way to go.

*I do have some information in my office to help develop fire safety emergency exit plans as well as during fire Safety Week I will bring forth more information over time I hope this is helpful please be safe and have a great and wonderful season ahead.*