

## Fire Safety at Home – Picture This



# HOME FIRE SAFETY

A Guide to Household Fire Safety and Prevention

HOUSEHOLD FIRES ARE DANGEROUS, DESTRUCTIVE, AND ALL TOO COMMON.



## SMOKE DETECTORS

### TIPS

- Check the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

## CHIMNEYS

Approximately **75%** of chimney fires are caused by creosote buildup!

### TIPS

- Keep chimneys clear and vented. A dirty chimney builds up creosote deposits that can easily catch a wayward spark and cause a dangerous, destructive fire.

## DRYERS

Dryers and washing machines are involved in **1** out of every **22** US home structure fires.

### TIPS

- Clean lint screens before every load. The buildup of lint is responsible for an average of **4,440** fires each year.
- Avoid overloading the dryer. Motors under strain can overheat easily and start fires.

## SPACE HEATERS

Always rely on a central heating system to heat your home. Space heaters account for around **1/3** of home heating fires.

### TIPS

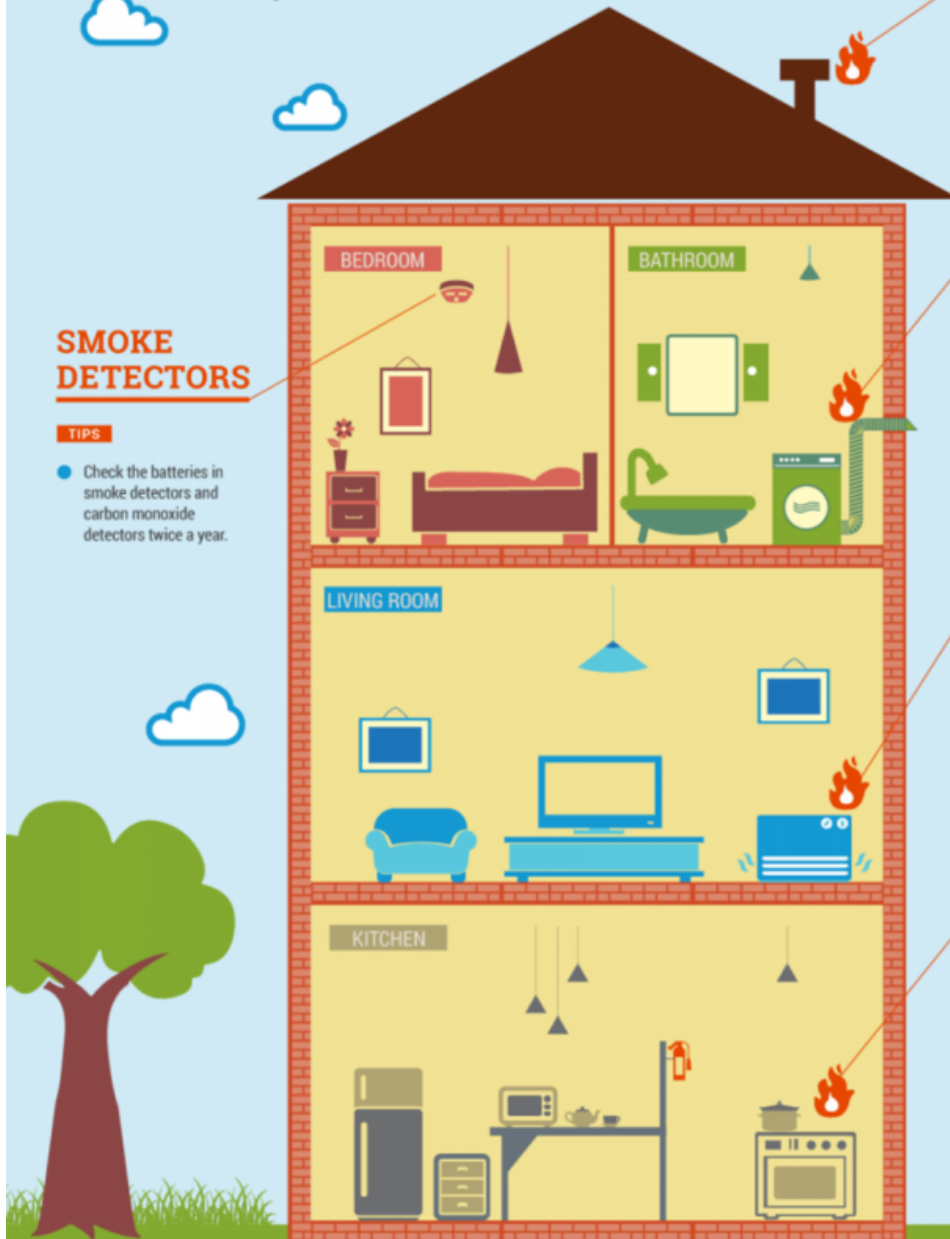
- Keep plenty of space around any space heater—if it's flammable, make sure it's at least 3 feet away from the unit!

## IN THE KITCHEN

Approximately **41%** of home fires start in the kitchen.

### TIPS

- Never leave a lit stove or range unattended.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher within easy reach of the stove.
- Oil splatter and grease account for **37%** of kitchen fires, so keep those ranges clean!



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