

## **Fire Safety Tips:**

### **In terms of electricals;**

- Replace or professionally repair any appliances that spark, smell unusual or overheat
- Don't run electrical wires under rugs.
- Make sure lamps and night-lights are not touching bedspreads, drapes or other fabrics.
- Use caution when using electric blankets.
- Don't let kids use kitchen appliances by themselves and supervise any art or science projects that involve electrical devices.
- Cover any outlets that are not in use with plastic safety covers if you have toddlers or young children in your home.
- Unplug all appliances when leaving home.
- Use Extension cords for its purpose- temporary use. Disconnect all extension cords after use.

### **In the kitchen;**

- Always supervise children while cooking and practice safe cooking habits—like turning all pot handles in so they can't be accidentally knocked over and not wearing loose-fitting clothing that could catch fire around the stove.

### **Beware of cigarettes;**

- If you smoke, be especially careful around upholstered furniture, never smoke in bed, and be sure cigarettes are completely out before you toss them into the trash.

### **Using candles safely;**

- If you light candles, keep them out of reach of kids and pets, away from curtains and furniture and extinguish them before you go to bed.
- Make sure candles are in sturdy holders made of non-flammable material that won't tip over.
- Don't let older kids and teens use candles unsupervised in their rooms.

### **Fire safety in the home;**

- **M**ake sure all family members know what to do in the event of a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two methods of fire escape in very room. Make a drawing for

each floor. Dimensions do not need to be correct. Make sure the plan shows important details: stairs, hallways and windows that can be used as fire escape routes.

- **T**est windows and doors-do they open easy enough? Are they wide enough? Or tall enough?
- **C**hoose a safe meeting place outside the house.
- **P**ractise alerting other members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and flashlight in each bedroom.

### **Bush fires/ burning**

- Avoid the burning of bush, trees etc. in close proximity of your home or business place.
- All open burning should not be left unattended.
- Please note that permission should be sought from the Fire Department in your area before commencing burning, especially in Residential Areas.