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Do's and Don'ts with Potential Hazards

Do's

Do take all the clothes out of the dryer after the cycle is done.

Do unplug all appliances when not in use. If an appliance begins to smoke or smell, unplug it immediately.

Do unplug power tools when not in use.

Do check wiring and outlets for signs of damage.

Do leave lots of space around fans and space heaters.

Do refuel kerosene heaters outside in a well ventilated area.

Do keep flammable materials away from your furnace or water heater and space heater.

Do have your furnace professionally inspected once a year.

Do remember to keep matches and lighters away from children.

Do close doors behind you as you leave a building and or room in the event of a fire. This will slow the progress of the fire.

Do stay low and crawl below the smoke to safety should you awaken to a smoke filled room.

Do stop, cover, drop and roll to smother flames should your hair or clothing catch on fire. **GET MEDICAL ATTENTION** as soon as possible.

Do install a smoke detector on each floor of you home.

Do check and clean your smoke detector at least once a month.

Do plan and practice home fire drills at least four times a year.

Do show everyone how to stay low and exit from the building.

Do keep a fire extinguisher near each exit.

Do clean your dryer's lint filter after each load and make sure that the dryer is operating properly.

Do check for dust and lint buildup in your dryer's exhaust duct and around other major appliances such as washers, water heaters and furnaces.

Do have the chimneys cleaned and regularly if you have wood stove or fireplace.



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Don'ts

Don't stop to get dressed, find the family pet or collect valuables upon hearing a smoke or fire alarm.

Don't open a door without first feeling the door with the back of your hand to see if it is warm.

Don't leave stoves or burners unattended when cooking.

Don't wear loose fitting clothes while cooking since they catch fire more easily.

Don't plug too many items in the same electrical outlet or circuit.

Don't place extension cords under rugs; instead use longer ones to go around edges.

Don't use an extension cord if it shows sign of damage or wear.

Don't keep combustible materials like newspapers after you have finished with them. Flammable liquid should be stored in a cool, ventilated place, away from any source of heat.

Don't trust heat producing appliances, such as irons and automatic brew coffee pots to turn themselves on or off.