

Safety Fact Sheet



The Utah Safety Council cares about your safety outside of the work setting. We offer resources that keep you and your loved ones safe at home, at play and on the go.

FIRE HAZARD PREVENTION

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, especially near bedrooms. Test batteries once a month. Replace batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. Only remove batteries from the smoke detectors to replace them.
- Plan and practice a home escape drill every six months. Have at least two exits from every room in your home. Agree on an outside meeting place for everyone after they leave the home.
- Mount a multipurpose fire extinguisher on a wall bracket near an exit. Also have all fire extinguishers inspected and recharged when necessary. Make sure all adult family members or occupants know when and how to use them properly.
- Store all matches, lighters and candles in fire-resistant containers or inside a secure cabinet or drawer. Teach children that these items are not toys and are for use by adults only.
- Never leave burning candles unattended. Keep them at least one foot away from materials that can burn, such as furniture, window coverings, or paper. Always keep candles out of children's or pet's reach.
- Overloaded electrical circuits are major causes of home fires. Plug in one electrical device at a time.
- Check power cords on a regular basis for damage. If they are loose or frayed, have them repaired or replaced.