



The **Greensboro Fire Department** wants you to practice fire safety and protect your family from fire.

SMOKE DETECTORS - All residential occupancies are required by law to provide smoke detectors. Change the battery at least once year or when chirping. We suggest you change the battery in the spring or fall, when you change the time on your clock. Test smoke detectors once a month. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that you replace your detector every seven to ten years. According to the National Fire Protection Association over one third of detectors do not work. A dead or missing battery is the primary cause of smoke detector failure.

COOKING - Unattended cooking is the primary cause of kitchen fires. If you have a grease fire: Never try to move the pan, don't throw water or flour on the fire. Call **911**. The fire can be extinguished using a class ABC fire extinguisher, baking soda, or a tight fitting lid.

ELECTRICAL - If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it and have it repaired. Replace any electrical cord that is cracked or frayed. Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords. Never run cords under rugs. A licensed electrician should check any problems.

ARSON - Promptly report to security or management any suspicious persons or situations. Every year children start fires that cause millions of dollars in property damage. Keep matches and lighters locked up and inaccessible to children. If your child expresses an unusual interest in playing with fire call the Greensboro Fire Department at **336-373-2108**.

SMOKING - Many fires are started by careless smoking. Use appropriate size ashtrays to keep the cigarettes from falling on upholstered furniture. Dispose of ashes properly. Never smoke in bed. Keep matches and lighters locked up and inaccessible to children.

CANDLES - Never leave a lit candle near curtains, paper, or upholstered furniture. Make sure candles are securely placed in an appropriate holder so as not to tip over or become easily displaced. Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle. Extinguish the candle before leaving.

BARBECUE GRILLS – Are **prohibited** on all apartment, condominium, or townhouse balconies or within ten (10) feet of the building, or other combustible materials.

FIRE ESCAPE PLANS - Planning ahead can save you and your family.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - Everyone should have as a minimum one 10lb. ABC – or all purpose - Fire Extinguisher, and be capable of using it. They should be kept where they can be reached easily. Only use an extinguisher on a small fire because fire fighting is dangerous and should be left to the professionals.

