

Maimonides Children's Hospital

Brooklyn's *Only* Pediatric Trauma Center

Home Fire Prevention

Each year in the United States approximately 300 children die in home fires. Keep your family safe with these fire prevention tips:

Smoke Alarms



- Install smoke alarms on every floor of the home, inside each bedroom, and outside of each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Date of manufacture can be located on the back of the alarm.
- Smoke alarms should be tested every month and batteries replaced twice a year when the time changes.

Fire Escape Plan

- Set up a fire escape plan with your family and practice regularly.



- Fire escape plans should include two ways to get out of each room in the home.
- Remind children that if the smoke alarm sounds, they should get low, get outside, stay outside, and wait at your designated family meeting spot.

Fire Prevention

- Teach kids to never play with lighters or matches.
- Candles and space heaters should be at least 3 feet from anything that can burn. Blow out candles and turn off space heaters before going to sleep or leaving the house.
- Never leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended, and keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency.



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