



## Fire Escape Planning

Know where the main emergency fire doors are.



If you are living in a condominium, make sure to check the arrangement of the emergency exits and how easily do the doors open or close.

Make a fire escape plan including escape routes and meeting places.

Discuss this with your family members and ensure they know what to do in case of an emergency. For those in condos, check with your property management office as well if they have an emergency escape plan in place.

## Fire Extinguishers

Have a fire extinguisher on hand since the kitchen area is where most fires start.

The common extinguisher to use is the Class A:B:C since it covers ordinary combustibles including paper and wood (A), flammable liquids such as grease and oil (B), and electrical appliances (C).

## Reminder:

For preventive measures, inspect your fire extinguisher occasionally to see that it has no cracks, the locking pin is in place, and the handle is not broken. If you see any of these, ask an expert if it's still usable or you will need to replace your fire extinguisher.

## Fire Safety Tips at Home

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Along with the excitement of having summer weather this month through May, the rising temperature also brings in a rise in the number of tragic fire incidents.



The saying “**prevention is better than cure**” is true especially when it can avoid such mishaps and avoid the loss of properties and precious lives. Keep your family and home safe with the following safety tips:

1. Place the nearest phone numbers of the nearest fire station right beside your telephone. You should also save the numbers in your mobile phone.
2. Eliminate combustible materials through good housekeeping. Dispose wastes such as papers, rubbish and other materials that can easily be caught by fire.
3. Keep matches out of children’s reach.  
  
Put them in a high place away from your children’s sight.
4. Oil lamps, gas lamps and candles should be placed away from curtains. Put out the flame before going to bed.

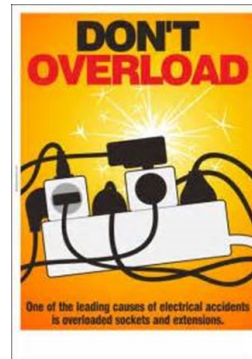
Also, use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use. Do not place it where it can be knocked over by children, pets, or anyone else. Keep them away from items that can easily catch fire such as curtains, books, papers, and so on.

5. Do not keep flammable materials like disinfectant spray, bleach gasoline, alcohol and paint inside the house.

Store them in a safe and dry location. Make sure to properly label them where you will put it as flammable products. This will ensure that you won’t be feeding the flames with volatile compounds in the event of a fire.

6. Regularly check your electrical installations and have all frayed wirings, defective electrical fixtures and damaged sockets immediately by a licensed electrician.

You can schedule it annually, or if you notice any irregularities. According to statistics, faulty electrical wiring/connection is the top reason for fire incidents at home. Furthermore, make sure electrical cords are not running under carpets or across doorways.



7. Do not overload electrical circuits by plugging additional lights and electrical appliances.

Most homes use extension cords so they can use several devices at the same time. But you should avoid this practice because it may cause the sockets to overheat and possibly cause fire. Your big appliances such as refrigerators and air conditioners should also have their own designated outlet.

8. Blown fuses should not be replaced with wires or any metal.

9. Never leave a lit cigarette or cigar on pipe unattended. It may fall on flammable materials that could start a fire. Easily combustible household items are clothes, curtains, furniture, appliances as well as items that are made by paper, wood, plastic and rubber.

10. Always have a handy first aid kit.

### Safety in your kitchen

Keep an eye on your cooking.



A neglected cooking or stove is the third leading cause of fire incident inside the house. If you need to leave the room, ask someone to watch what you are cooking or turn off the stove instead.

**Smart Tip:** Use a timer especially if you are boiling or baking food to remind yourself that you are cooking.

Make sure to inspect your kitchen before you go to sleep.

Check your Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) tank and make sure the valve is turned off.

Your tank should have the safety cap and security seal. Make sure to use the correct hose and that the regulator is attached securely to the cylinder valve. You can check for leaks by applying soapy water.

**Recommendation:** Hose should be replaced every two years and regulators five years after it was manufactured.