A home fire occurs every 76 seconds.* More than 100,000 children 14 and under are treated for fire and burn injuries each year.**

Here are some steps to make your home safe from fires and help prevent burn injuries to children.

Smoke Alarm Safety

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and in each bedroom.
- If you have hearing problems, consider alarms with flashing strobe lights or vibration.

**Kitchen**

- Store matches and lighters in locked cabinets or out of a child’s reach.
- Never leave the kitchen while cooking and never leave a child alone.
- Do not place hot foods or liquids near the counter’s edge.
- Cook with pots and pans on back burners. Turn handles away from the front.

**Bathroom**

- Keep the hot-water heater at 120 degrees.
- Test the bathwater with your wrist or elbow before placing your child in it.
- Consider putting anti-scald devices on faucets.

**Bedroom**

- Practice a fire escape plan with at least two ways out of each room.
- Choose a place to meet outside the home.
- Once there is a fire, get out and stay out!
- Place space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire (curtains, papers). Always turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

**Living Room/Play Area**

- Place covers over unused electrical outlets.
- Establish a “Kid-Free Zone” around fireplaces (including gas fireplaces) and wood-burning stoves. Glass fire screens can be very hot.