

## Our Mission

The Mercer County Fire Safety for Older Adults Committee is made up of dedicated fire safety and older adult services professionals interested in keeping you safe in your residence.

We do this through:

- Fire safety education
- Fall prevention tips
- Pharmaceutical safety & disposal

**FOR EMERGENCIES  
DIAL 911**



**For more information about the fire safety program or about aging, disability and caregiving concerns:**

- Call: (609) 989-6661
- Email: [adrc@mercercounty.org](mailto:adrc@mercercounty.org)

## In Cooperation with:

- Mercer County Fire Prevention & Protection Association
- Mercer County Active Fire Chiefs Association
- Mercer County Firemen's Association

# Fire Safety for Older Adults



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# How To PREVENT Most COMMON FIRES

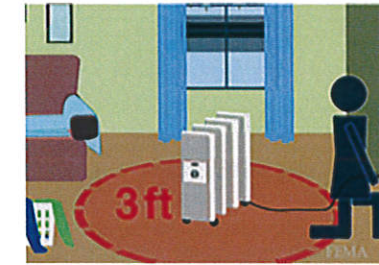
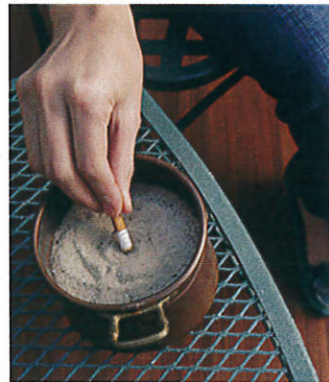
## Careless Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Avoid cooking when tired.
- Never wear loose clothing when cooking.
- Don't store items in the oven.



## Careless Smoking

- Never ever smoke in bed.
- Use deep sturdy ashtrays.
- Refrain from smoking when tired or drowsy.
- Don't discard cigarettes in flower beds or mulch.
- Never smoke around supplemental Oxygen.



## Heating Hazards

- Turn portable heaters off when you leave or go to bed.
- Keep heaters 3 feet away from furniture and other objects.
- Unplug heaters when not in use.
- Keep candles away from combustibles.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- When you go out, blow out!



## Electrical Hazards

- Avoid using extension cords.
- Plug directly into grounded outlets.
- Don't use if plug or cord is damaged.
- Don't reset tripped breakers. Contact an electrician to make sure it is safe.

# BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

## Install & Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Change batteries every year.
- Replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every 10 years.
- If you need assistance changing batteries or checking the alarm, contact your local fire company.



## Have A Fire Escape Plan

- Plan two ways out.
- Have an outside meeting place.
- Practice your escape plan.



**Residential fire sprinklers give you more time to get out when there is a fire.**