Fire Safety Tips

Keep your home a safe place by practicing fire safety and by keeping lit cigarettes, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children.

Cooking safety

- Do not use the oven or stovetop if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol.
- While cooking, stay in your home and check the food often. Use a timer for a reminder that food is cooking. If you have to leave your home, turn off the stove.
- Keep items that can start on fire away from the cooking area; this includes oven mitts, food packaging, towels, and paper towels.
- Turn pot handles so that they point to the centre of the stove; this will prevent the pots from being pulled or bumped off the stove top.
- If a small fire occurs in a pan while you are cooking, put the lid over the pan and turn off the burner; the fire should go out. Leave the pan covered until it is cool.
- If a small fire occurs in your oven, turn off the heat and close the door; the fire should go out.
- If you are unable to put out the small fire, close the kitchen door and get your family out of the home. Call 911 from outside your home or from a neighbour's house.

Smoking safety

- When possible, smoke outdoors.
- Do not throw lit cigarettes into potted plants, flower beds, dried grasses, or other places that might start on fire.
- If smoking is allowed in your unit, do not smoke while in bed.
- Use a deep and sturdy ashtray that is placed on a surface that won't start on fire.

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Candle safety

- Do not use candles in the bedroom or any other place where people sleep.
- Do not leave children alone in a room with a burning candle.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches (30 cm) from items that may start on fire, such as curtains or books.
- Blow candles out when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Use sturdy candle holders that won't tip and place them on an uncluttered surface.

Keep a fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it.
If a large fire occurs and you are unable to fight it, leave your home immediately.

Contact your local housing authority for more information