Fire Prevention Tips

Preventing Fires from Candles and Lamp use
- Blow out candles for lamps when you leave the room or go to bed
- Keep candles or lamps at least 12 inches (30cm) away from anything that can burn such as clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, and paper
- Ensure children know the dangers of playing with candles and flames

Preventing Cooking Fires
- Stay close to what you are cooking and monitor it closely. (if you need to leave, turn off the flame)
- Stay awake and alert when you are cooking. Alcohol and some drugs can make you sleepy.
- Wear short sleeves or roll them up so they don’t catch on fire.
- Keep your hair and clothes away from the flame.
- Keep children and animals away from cooking area.
- Clean and clear the space around the cooking area before you turn on the heat. Move things that can burn. This includes dish towels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains.
- Turn pot handles away from you so that no one can bump them or pull them over.
- Keep a pan lid or a metal sheet nearby. Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire.

Preventing Electrical Fires:
- Exposed wiring – Use electrical tape to cover exposed wires.
- Too many appliances into one electrical cord – Avoid using too many appliances at once which will overheat the wire. Unplug items when you are not using them.
- Extension Cords under rugs or across doorways – Avoid running extension cords under carpets or across doorways. Extension cords should go along the wall in the corner in order to avoid people walking on them and damaging the cord over an extended period of time.
- Electricity tapped from a neighbor or a power line – Purchase electricity directly from the power company and allow the power company to connect and maintain the electricity in your home.
- Warn children of the dangers of playing with electricity

Practice Fire Safety: Exit Drill in the Home
- Practice having a fire drill at home
- Make sure exits are safe to use (feel the door, if it is hot identify another route)
- Leave immediately
- Sound the alarm
- Know your escape routes (even in the community in case fire spreads quickly)
- Have a meeting place outside that everyone knows
- Make sure everyone is accounted for

Proverbs 22:3 “The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it” (ESV)
Emergency Numbers in your community

FIRE __________________________
AMBULANCE __________________________
POLICE _______________________________

What to do if your clothes catch fire:

STOP
When your clothes catch on fire you must immediately identify the problem and stop. Do not run away. It will only make the fire bigger and hurt you more.

DROP
After you stop you must prepare yourself by dropping to the ground.

ROLL
Next take action by covering your face and rolling back and forth until the fire is out.

What to do in a real fire

- Sound the alarm- Tell others by yelling “FIRE FIRE FIRE”
- If the fire is small (and you know what to do, try to extinguish it if you can do so safely
- Get out and get to safety
  - Do not stop to collect your personal belongings
  - Stay low, crawl on the floor if there is smoke and keep your mouth and nose covered (minimize smoke inhalation).
- Close door(s) as you exit to minimize the spread of fire
- Call the fire brigade/department
- Sound the alarm to neighbors
- Go to your meeting place/assembly point
- Make sure everyone is out (take a head count)
- Unless you are helping to put out the fire, stay back from the fire and help to guide the fire brigade into the community when they arrive.

If you are going to help fight the fire- what do you need to know?

- FIRST, YOU need to be safe
- Throwing the fire into the community increases danger for everyone
- Mobilize others to help - gather tools to help fight the fire.

Your local fire brigade wants to help the community-

- Some fire brigades do not have enough resources to get to your home quickly but they are coming to help.
- When the fire brigade arrives, make space for them by clearing the area so that the fire truck can get through.
- Throwing rocks at the firefighters or their equipment, cutting the fire hose, damaging or stealing equipment means that the firefighters cannot help you as easily when they come & may cause them to leave.
- You can help make the community safe for firefighters to come and assist you.
Heaven is a beautiful place we can go to one day after we die. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (Revelation 21:21)

Sin or disobedience to God’s rules separate us from heaven and God. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

But Jesus died on the cross and covers our sin with His blood. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Jesus’ blood allows us to be seen by God as perfect or all clean now. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. (John 1:12)
that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

Once we become a follower of Jesus we need to grow by reading the Bible and going to church with other believers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:20)
Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,
having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
And take the helmet of salvation
and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:13-18 NKJV)