

# Fire safety tips for the home

**This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Prevent Home Fires". Here are some tips everyone should use to avoid fires in the home.**

## Kitchen

- Avoid loose long sleeves when cooking.
- Check kettles and toasters for damaged electrical cords and thermostats.
- Use appliances that have an automatic shut-off.
- Keep a timer handy to remind you when the oven and burners should be switched off.
- If you take medication that causes drowsiness, do not use cooking appliances.
- Use a temperature-controlled electric skillet or deep-fryer for frying.
- Never leave your cooking unattended.
- Use appropriate cooking appliances and keep them clean.

- Keep a pot cover nearby to "put a lid on it" in the event of a fire.

## Livingroom

- Fireplace: always use a fire screen, ensuring it is the appropriate size for the fireplace opening.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or use extension cords in the place of additional outlets.
- Smokers should check furniture for fallen cigarettes or embers, which can smoulder undetected for several hours before bursting into flames.
- Ensure careful use of smoking materials and extinguish in water before disposal.
- Never leave cigarettes in an ashtray unattended.
- Use ashtrays with a double rim and deep centre.
- Keep matches, lighters and lit candles

out of the reach of children.

- Never leave lit candles unattended.

## Bedroom

- Install at least one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area. For improved safety, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Check electrical appliances regularly: electric blankets, heating pads, curling irons, radios, televisions, irons.
- Bedrooms should be non-smoking areas.

## Basement and Attic

- Remove all combustible and flammable materials from the basement and attic.
- Store gasoline in well-ventilated areas.
- Do not store propane indoors.
- Use only approved containers to store and transport gasoline.
- Have a thorough yearly maintenance check of the furnace carried out by a profes-

sional.

- When replacing an old furnace, consult a professional to determine the most safe, economical and efficient system for your home.

- Chimneys should be cleaned at least once a year.

## Garage and Workshop

- Flammable materials – thinners, gasoline, paints, industrial cleaners – should be stored neatly in approved containers and away from possible ignitable sources.
- Do not smoke, or leave matches or lighters in the garage or workshop.
- Install and know how to properly use the appropriate fire extinguisher for the garage/workshop.
- Keep the area clean. Remove garbage, paper products, oily rags and wood shavings regularly.



**SOMEONE'S GOTTA DO IT:** When a fire breaks out the fire department are there as quickly as possible to put it out. By being fire safe in your home you can prevent fires from happening. *Progress file photo*

**Ile a la Crosse Volunteer Fire Dept.**  
*These people volunteer to take time to train. They are committed to you.. don't forget to say thanks during Fire Prevention Week!*

- \* Leonard Raymond, Fire Chief
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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 5 TO 11, 2008

**A** is for ashes  
 Ashes should be kept in metal containers - not paper boxes.

**SUBWAY**  
 eat fresh.<sup>™</sup>

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**Russ Nelson,**  
 Fire Chief

Years of Service: 23 years  
 Favorite Dept. Item: Thermal Imaging Camera.  
 Hobbies: Flying, Fishing, Camping  
 Favorite Slogan: Learn not to burn.



**B** is for burnables  
 Make sure they're not near appliances that could cause them to combust.

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**Joe Grella,**  
 Deputy Fire Chief

Years of Service: 17 years  
 Favorite Dept. Item: Thermal Imaging Camera  
 Hobbies: Hockey, Boating, Camping  
 Favorite Slogan: First ones in, last ones out.



**C** is for combustibles  
 Keep exits clean of combustibles - e.g. waste paper and empty cartons that could fuel a fire.

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**Craig Unrau,**  
 Captain/FR/FSI

Years of Service: 15 years  
 Favorite Dept. Item: Jaws of Life  
 Hobbies: Fishing, Camping  
 Favorite Slogan: Post the emergency phone numbers by your phone.

