

Prairie Township Fire Department



SAFETY TIPS

ALWAYS HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS ON EVERY LEVEL OF YOUR HOME

Test your smoke detector at least once a month. Push the button or use smoke.

Clean your smoke detector at least once a year. Use a vacuum cleaner.

Replace the battery each year. Use the battery type listed on the detector.

Move a detector that keeps having false alarms away from that area and place it somewhere else.

Never disconnect the battery. If you must quiet the detector, leave the lid down to remind you to replace the battery.



COOKING

Recipe For Safe Cooking

2 Watchful Eyes	2 Short or Close-fitting Sleeves
1 or 2 Pot Holders or Oven Mitts	1 Pan Lid
Clean Workspace Free of	1 Large Box Baking Soda
Combustible Material	1 Fire Extinguisher

To Prevent Cooking Fires

Keep an eye on your cooking, especially food on the range-top. Make

sure pot handles are pointed inward to avoid spills. Watch children closely when they are in the kitchen area, and make sure they learn to cook safely.

Clean cooking areas frequently to prevent grease buildup. Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from flames and hot surfaces. Wear garments with short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking. Turn off burners and heating elements when cooking is finished.

HOT WATER TANK AND FURNACE

Never place anything within 18 inches of these appliances. Flames may puff out when they light and cause a fire.

Keep all combustible/flamable paints, gasoline, and lawn products in a different room.

Flue pipes should be clean and have no holes so gases can escape.

CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, deadly gas. Everyone is at risk. Carbon Monoxide poisoning is difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to other common diseases, such as the flu.

Symptoms of low level CO poisoning can include headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, and confusion. There are, however, a few hints that can help to identify Carbon Monoxide poisoning:

- Are other members of the household feeling ill as well?
- Do you feel better when you are away from the house for a period of time?

If so, you may be suffering from Carbon Monoxide poisoning. You should see your doctor for your symptoms.

the Columbia Gas Company will check your house for CO. 1-800-344-4077

In an EMERGENCY CALL **9-1-1** and let us help.



Medical Emergency

Call **9-1-1**

Do all the children know how to call for help?

Have you replaced items in your first aid kit that have been used or expired?

Is your house number clearly visible from the street?



FIRE

Call **9-1-1** from a neighbor's house.

Everyone should leave the house.

Have a special place to meet in front of the house.

Never go back for pets.

If anyone is still in the house let the firefighters know.

Tell the firefighters what happened.