

Fire Safety Plan

When using home heaters, remember to keep everything in the house *a metre from the heater*, including clothing, curtains, tablecloths and bedding.

Do not overload powerboards – if they're working too hard they can overheat and catch alight, with potentially tragic consequences.

Keep candles away from curtains and other flammable materials, and don't let them keep burning after you've gone to bed or left the home.

Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible by young children.

If you have a fireplace in your home, make sure the chimney is clean, and is properly ventilated. Additionally, place a screen in front of it when in use to prevent embers and sparks from escaping and injuring someone or causing a nearby flammable object to catch fire.

Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed, and never go to bed or leave home with your electric blanket on – always switch it off first.

Clean the lint filter from your clothes dryer each and every time you use it.

Do not use outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build-up of carbon monoxide which could be fatal.

Never ever leave cooking unattended and always remember to *Keep Looking When Cooking*

If possible, keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket handy in the kitchen

Make sure you and all your family members know two safe ways out of every room in your home.

You should also have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.

In case of an emergency; Get out, Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000)

Most importantly, remember that only working smoke alarms save lives. Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed throughout your home and test them regularly.

Never use flammables such as petrol, kerosene or methylated spirits to start a fire. They can explode and cause serious injury.

Never use wheat bags to warm your bed. There is the potential for them to start a fire.