# **Emergency Numbers:**







Additional resources and training:



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FIRE

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# POLICE

# **General Fire Prevention:**

You can prevent fires by making choices in how your home is set up and the things that you do:

- Identify hazards.
- Check wiring for exposed wires, having too many appliances for the number of plugs and illegal hook ups.
- Don't leave candles or open flames unattended.
- Ensure combustibles are not stored too close to heaters/fuel/flame (clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, paper)
- Don't smoke in bed.
- Don't throw items on fire out into the community increases danger for everyone

   instead try to manage the fire when it is small.

## **Avoiding 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 (one meter is recommended)
- 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. No not use water on a

#### **Avoiding Electrical Fires:**

- Use electrical tape to cover exposed wires.
- Avoid using too many appliances at once which will overheat the wire.
- Unplug items when you are not using them.
- 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.
- 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 plaving with electricity.

Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.







## Fire Safety: What to do in a real fire

- Sound the alarm- by yelling "FIRE FIRE FIRE" "MOTO, MOTO, MOTO"
- 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
  - $\checkmark$  Do not stop to collect belongings
  - ✓ If there is smoke: stay low, crawl on the floor if there is smoke and keep your mouth and nose covered.
- Close door(s) as you exit to minimize the spread of fire
- Call the fire brigade
- Sound the alarm to neighbors
- Go to your meeting place/assembly point
- Make sure everyone is out (take a head count)
- 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:

- 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 by telling others that firefighters are there to help you.