



- Install and maintain smoke alarms on every floor of your home and within every bedroom. Roughly 50% of home fire deaths occur during the night while people are sleeping.
- Never leave food cooking unattended, especially deep fryers and other frying equipment.
- Avoid using portable and fixed space heaters, as heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Have a fire plan that gets you out of your home in less than two minutes and practice it.

### **Electrical safety & home fire prevention**

- Electrical malfunctions are one of the leading causes of home fires.
- Hire a qualified electrician to make any changes in your home.
- Check electrical cords regularly, and make sure cords do not run across doorways or under carpets where they could be damaged.
- Limit the number of plugs in an electrical outlet or power strip.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage for each lamp.

### **Where to install smoke detectors**

- The NFPA recommends installing a smoke alarm on every floor, including the basement, and inside every sleeping room.
- Smoke alarms should be mounted high on a wall not more than a foot from the ceiling or on the ceiling. Remember, smoke rises.
- **Kitchen:** It is critical to mount smoke alarms in the kitchen at least 10 feet from any cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.
- **Basement:** Smoke alarms in the basement should be installed on the ceiling near the bottom step of the stairs up to the first floor.

**Safety starts at home** so please be safe and keep the control room number on your speed dial.