

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD. FIRE / EMS DEPARTMENT

## TIPsheet

### HOME FIRE SAFETY



NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? PLEASE CONTACT THE  
PGFD/EMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICE AT 301-883-5250

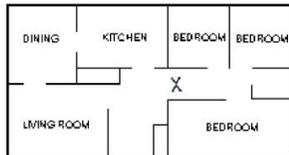


**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW AND PRACTICE  
THESE SAFETY TIPS - PLEASE UPDATE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS  
IN YOUR HOME TO THE NEWER SEALED 10 YEAR ALARM.**



#### HOME ESCAPE PLANNING

- Teach children how to dial **911** in an emergency.
- Have a written home escape plan and practice it.
- Practice two exits out of every room.
- Know how to open your windows.
- Crawl low under smoke.
- If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and roll.
- Touch the door for heat before leaving your room.
- Have a meeting location outside of your home.



#### LIGHTING MATERIALS

- Keep all matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Teach children to show you any unattended lighters and matches.
- Do not allow anyone to use lighters and matches in an unsafe manner.

#### SMOKE ALARMS

- Install smoke alarms on every level in your home near the bedrooms.
- Check home smoke alarms once a month.
- Change smoke alarm batteries twice a year.

#### HEAT SOURCES

- Teach children not to play in the kitchen or touch the stove.
- Never leave your cooking unattended.
- Never cook wearing loose clothing.
- Make sure the stove is off before leaving the kitchen area.
- When washing or bathing, always turn the cold water on first.
- Never leave small children unattended in the bathroom.
- Never leave your home while the clothes dryer is running.



**REMEMBER TO CALL 911 FIRST IN ALL EMERGENCIES**