

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

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**Fire Safety Information**

**Smoke Detectors:**

Change batteries twice each year  
Install smoke detectors in each bedroom, outside of the bedrooms, and at least one on each floor

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors:**

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that causes severe medical complications in high doses. The only way to protect yourself is to install the proper detectors.

Install detectors within 15 feet of all bedrooms and on every floor with a carbon monoxide source.

If the detector activates leave the area immediately and call 911

**Plan Your Escape:**

Plan two ways out of each room or building  
Count the number of doors to the exit stairs so you can locate it in low visibility  
Never use the elevator in a fire  
Decide on a meeting place  
Practice your escape plan

**In the Event of a Fire:**

Check all doors for heat before you open them  
If the fire is in your apartment always close the door behind you to prevent smoke and heat from entering the public hallway  
Crawl low under the smoke and go to your meeting place  
If your building is equipped with a fire alarm system and it is not going off then activate it by using a manual pull station  
Once outside you can then contact the EFD by dialing 911  
Never go back inside your home or apartment for any reason

**Cooking:**

Never leave cooking unattended  
Keep the area around the cook top free of all combustibles  
Do not wear loose fitting clothing when you are cooking  
Keep pot handles turned inward  
If you have a grease fire, place the lid on top of the pot and turn the burner off

**Candles:**

Do not use candles in the bedroom

Place candles on a hard noncombustible surface

Place candles in a location where they cannot be knocked over by a pet

Do not leave candles unattended (especially with children or pets)

**Electricity:**

Do not use extension cords in place of permanent wiring

If a power strip is used make sure it has over current protection and is UL approved

Do not run the cord for the power strip under a rug or through a wall

Unapproved cube adaptors should never be used

Never overload a receptacle or power strip