

# FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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## Safety measures to decrease fire risk

### In the kitchen

- Ensure heat sources (stoves, fireplaces, naked flame, etc.) are off when you leave the house.
- Clean smoke extractor filters regularly.
- Do not put water on hot oil in a frying pan. If necessary, cover it and put it aside from the stove.
- Clean the stoves when cooking is finished,.
- Avoid distractions while cooking. A telephone conversation, a TV program or the internet can make us forget that the stoves in the kitchen are switched on.

### Electricity

- Do not overload wall sockets.
- Do not cover lamps or lights with papers or plastics
- The electrical installation should be manipulated exclusively by professional staff

### Heating devices

- Keep any heater device away from combustible materials like curtains, sheets, sofas, bedspreads, etc.
- Do not dry clothes by putting them on stoves or heating devices

### Other preventive measures

- Candles, incense bars or any other element with naked flames need to be far away from combustible material and put out before leaving the house or going to bed
- If the air smells of gas or butane, do not switch on the smoke stractor. Open all windows, switch off the gas lever and call the firefighters.
- If you smoke, check that cigarettes are extinguished and not left smouldering before throwing them into the dustbin. If necessary, put them under the water tap.
- All fire exit doors must be kept closed, especially the ones that communicate car parks with the building staircases.. Do not use padlocks or chains. In the event of fire, the smoke would fill in the scale.
- A very advisable measure is to install a smoke detector. It is unexpensive and can be found in specialized shops.



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## In the event of fire

### If there is fire in your house and you cannot go out

- Go somewhere you can be seen from outside the building or house and close all doors that you find.
- Place wet clothes (sheets, towels, T-shirts...) around doors to avoid smoke pouring out.
- Call emergency services (112) and get out to make yourself visible.

### If there is fire in your house and you can go out

- Go out of the house and close all doors that you find on the way. Meet fire crews on arrival and provide them with appropriate information - for example, the location of the nearest fire hydrant or other water supply or the keys to the house.
- Never you use the lift. Use the staircase instead.
- Make the emergency call once in the street
- Do not attempt to enter the house again: the sooner you call, the faster the emergency services will arrive.

### If the fire is in another flat or house and the staircase is full of smoke

- Stay at home and do not attempt to go out: The safest place is your house. It is very dangerous to use the stairs as they might be full of smoke
- Call the emergency services. Do not think that somebody else can do their job..
- Place wet clothes (sheets, towels, T-shirts...) around doors to avoid smoke pouring out.
- When the firefighters arrive, make yourself visible from a window or balcony.

