

FIRE ISLAND PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

“Prevent – Detect – Escape” Home Fires

FIRE CAUSES AND PREVENTION

COOKING – A WATCHED POT NEVER BURNS!

- Keep eyes on all food being heated.
- Wear short or tight fitting sleeves when cooking.
- If a grease fire occurs, remember to:
 - Put a lid on it
 - Toss baking soda on the flames
 - Never carry a burning pan
 - Do not use water- it could cause hot oil to splatter
- Never leave a lit BBQ unattended.
- Wet down the BBQ area before firing up, have garden hose or water can readily.
- Turn off BBQ gas cylinder after each use.
- No live fires/fire pits or fire works.

SMOKING – QUIT, OR IF YOU CHOOSE TO SMOKE, HAVE HOUSE RULES.

- Never Smoke in bed.
- Use large, heavy, non-tip ashtrays.
- **Never throw lit cigarettes off Boardwalks.**

ELECTRICAL – LIVE WIRE FIRE RISK!

- Do not run cords under carpeting, bedding, or other combustible materials, or across doorways or frequently traveled areas.
- Do not overload outlets or use extension cords in place of outlets.
- Be sure plugs fit snugly into outlets to prevent shock and excess heat.
- Position lamps away from open windows where strong breezes could blow draperies onto hot light bulbs.

CANDLES – LIGHT ON A GROWING FIRE HAZARD!

- Place candles on stable furniture where children and pets can't knock them over.
- Never go to sleep while candles are burning.
- Keep candles away from decorations, paper, books, curtains, blinds, clothing and bedding.
- Do not leave the house with candles burning.

In a power outage, use a battery-operated light.

If you must use a candle –

DO NOT WALK HOLDING A LIT CANDLE

DETECT, ESCAPE AND SURVIVE

SMOKE/CO ALARMS – THE SOUND FOR SAFETY.

- Install new batteries when you open your house for the new season.
- Test units monthly.
- Clean alarms by vacuuming with the brush attachment.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – FIGHT FIRE ONLY IF YOU KNOW HOW!

- Should be easily visible and accessible, not hidden in closets.
- Extinguishers are labeled with standard symbols or letters:
 - A – Paper, wood, ordinary combustibles
 - B – Flammable liquids
 - C – Energized electrical equipment
- An extinguisher labeled A: B: C: can be used on all three classes.
- Review extinguisher operation and check expiration dates.
- Only use extinguishers if you are confident, and the fire is small and contained.

PLAN A SAFE ESCAPE.

- Plan two ways out of every room.
- Establish a meeting place outside.
- Know your emergency number: 911.
- Once you have escaped and reported to your meeting place, have one house member call the emergency number from a neighbor's house or a cell phone.
- **Do not stay inside the house to make the call – it is too dangerous.**
- Practice – have a fire drill.
- Help firefighters find you – display house numbers in large numerals.
- If clothing catches fire: STOP, DROP & ROLL.

WHEN REPORTING ANY EMERGENCY:

- DIAL: 911
- GIVE WALK, HOUSE # AND NEAREST WALK INTERSECTION

My Address: _____

**Go out to walkway and wait for
Emergency Personnel to arrive**