FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR HOUSEHOLD
FIRE SAFETY Tips for Households

Before Fire Outbreak

- Always switch off all electrical appliances any time there is power outage or light-off.
- Consider installing a fire alarm in your home if you can afford it.
- Create escape routes in your house and review them with your family including members with disabilities.
- Ensure that burglar bars and other antitheft mechanisms do not block your escape routes.
- Practice how to escape from each room with your family.
- Consider escape ladders and zig zag ramps if your residence has more than one level.
- Preposition fire extinguishers in your home and make sure that each family member can use them properly.
Flammable Items

- Do not store flammable liquids (gasoline, petrol, etc.) in your home.

- Safely discard all combustible materials that have come into contact with flammable liquids.

- Never smoke or hold naked fire near flammable liquids.

- Check your gas cylinder for leakage and replace it as directed by the manufacturer.

- If your home has a chimney, insulate it and place spark arresters on top. Remove branches hanging above and around the chimney.

- Have heating units inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.
Heating Sources

- Do not leave microwaves, toasters and pressing irons unattended after plugging them in and switching on the source of power. Unplug them from the power source after use.

- Do not rest a heated pressing iron flat on the ironing board. Always keep it standing with the heating face perpendicular to the ironing board.

- Keep open flames away from walls, furniture, drapery, and flammable items.

Matches and Smoking

- Keep matches and lighters up high, away from children, and, if possible, in a locked cabinet.

- Avoid smoking in bed or when you are feeling drowsy.

- If you must smoke indoors, use an ashtray to collect the ash and cigar butts. Ensure that cigarette butts are doused with water before disposal.
Electrical Wiring

- Have the electrical wiring in your residence checked by a competent electrician.

- Avoid using pieces of flex joined together. Buy a new one long to meet your need. False economy could cause a fire!

- Inspect extension cords for frayed or exposed wires or loose plugs.

- Do not pass extension cords under the carpet, rugs, over nails, or across areas where household members will be stepping on the wire.

- Avoid the use of multiple adapters and plugs in order to prevent sparks and short circuits. If you have to plug in two or three appliances, use built-in circuit breakers.

- Replace charred or broken wall sockets and damaged or worn-out cords.

- Electrical sockets in bathrooms should be placed high and kept dry.

- Ensure secondhand or home used appliances are electrically safe before you use them.
During Fire Outbreak

- Sound fire alarm to alert others to the fire outbreak and evacuate the house immediately.
- Call Ghana National Fire Service on 192, 112 or on the phone number of the nearest Fire Station to your location.
- Stay out once you are safely out of the house and do not re-enter.
- Only attempt to extinguish the fire if you are trained and it is safe for you to do so without endangering your life.
- When escaping from fire through a closed door, use the back of your hand to feel the top of the door, the doorknob, and the crack between the door and doorframe before you open it.
- **If the door is cool** - Open slowly and ensure fire and/or smoke is not blocking your escape route. If your escape route is blocked, shut the door immediately and use an alternate escape route.
- **If the door is hot** - Do not open. Escape through an alternate escape route.
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- If you cannot escape, move to a window and shout to alert fire fighters to your presence.
- If the house is engulfed with smoke, crawl low to your exit - heavy smoke and poisonous gases collect first along the ceiling. The air is clearer and cooler near the floor.
- Close doors behind you as you escape to delay the spread of the fire.
- If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop, and roll until the fire is extinguished. Running only makes the fire burn faster.

After Fire Outbreak

- Only re-enter your house after it has been declared safe by personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service.
- Cooperate with personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service in their investigation of the cause of the fire outbreak.
- Do not use any socket or turn on air conditioner until a competent electrician has checked the installations and certify that it is safe to do so.
- Re-construct or retrofit your house using competent professionals to prevent or reduce future fire outbreaks.
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