

FIRE STATS

- \$8.5 Billion in Property Loss Annually
- 4,000 Fire Deaths Annually
- Arson is #1 Cause of "Commercial" Fire Death, Injuries, and Dollar Loss
- 29% of Home/ Apartment Fires Start in the Kitchen
- Unsafe Cooking is the #1 Cause of Home Fires
- Careless Use of Smoking Materials is the #1 Cause of Home Fire Deaths

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

- Never Overload Electrical Circuits
- Portable Heaters Need Their Space, Maintain 3 Feet of Clearance at All Times
- Inspect Appliances Routinely and Quickly Respond To Unusual Smell Complaints
- Provide Fire Screens and have Chimneys Cleaned Annually
- Post Safe Cooking Tips in Kitchen
- Safe Use of Candles, Never Leave Unsupervised, Keep Out of Reach of Pets and Children, Place on Sturdy Base

Fire Safety

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Don't Get Burned!



With over \$8.5 Billion in property losses annually, insurance is critical to making your business whole again. Below are some tips to ensure all assets are properly protected:

New Construction/Additions

-Many fires occur before new construction or additions are ever completed. Ensure that the contractor selected is reputable and properly bonded/insured
-Never assume ownership until construction is completed.

-All parties including your insurance agent must have a clear understanding of date of occupancy or ownership transfer

Fire Sprinkler/Alarm Systems:

-Investing in early detection and suppression is best to protect lives and property

-If you have this equipment, proper maintenance is critical. All systems are required to be inspected no less than annually by a licensed contractor

Smoke Detectors:

-All occupied areas including living units, offices, break rooms, maintenance shops, community rooms, fitness centers, etc. should have detectors
-Inspect at every Unit entry or at least every 6 months to ensure proper operation/battery replacement

Fire Extinguishers:

-Preferred vendor has installed per Life Safety Code requirements and inspects annually to ensure in good working order
-Annual employee fire extinguisher training is provided
-One preferred fire extinguisher

training is the **PASS** method:
Pull pin

Aim nozzle at base of fire

Squeeze handle

Sweep side to side,

"Don't Chase The Flames"

Preventative Maintenance

-20% of structure fires in the US occur in Apartments

-Ensure formal interior and exterior PM programs are in place

-Invest in maintenance technician training & qualification programs

Property Inspection

-If we don't see it, it doesn't exist right? "WRONG"! Form a safety inspection team to perform quarterly property assessments

Ultimately, the best protection begins with a committed organization and dedicated employees to reducing risk.

Carbon Monoxide - The Invisible Killer

According to the Department of Homeland Security, there are 2,500 deaths and another 15,000 persons who suffer from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning every year. It is believed that all or most could have easily been prevented with the installation of at least one UL (Underwriters La-

boratories) listed CO detector with an audible warning alarm near sleeping areas or just outside bedrooms. Property managers as well as residents often assume CO detectors serve as smoke detectors and vice versa? This is "NOT" the case. The detectors installed must be listed

as combination Smoke/CO Detectors. If not already in place, develop a replacement plan to upgrade your detection protection so expense may be spread out over time. Always test your back-up batteries. A good rule of thumb—test/replace at each time change (Spring/Fall).