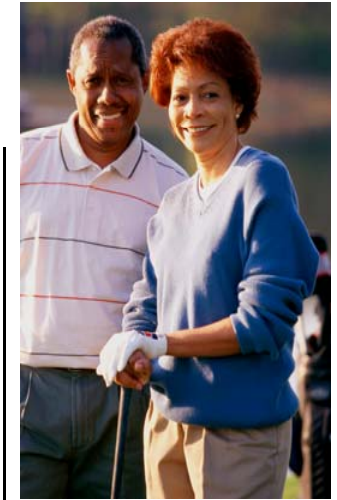
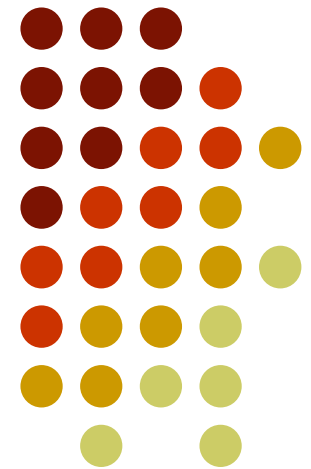
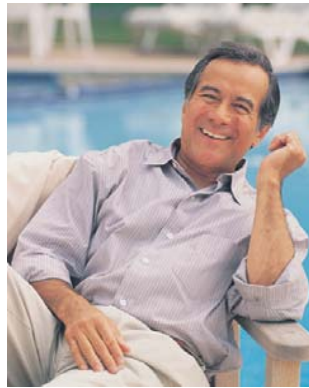


Prevent Fire. Save Lives.



A Fire Safety Campaign for People 50-Plus



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Over 50 and Loving It!



- Retirement
- Grandchildren
- Traveling
- Taking care of older relatives
- New career
- Practicing safe cooking, smoking, and heating behaviors.

Did you know...

- Fire kills approximately 1,100 people ages 65 and older each year.
- People between ages 65 and 74 are **TWICE** as likely to die in a home fire.
- People between ages 75 and 84 are nearly **FOUR** times as likely to die in a home fire.
- People ages 85 and older are more than **FIVE** times as likely to die in a home fire.
- **You can do something about it...**



Smoke Safely



- Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths among people ages 65 and older.
- Careless smoking is the second leading cause of fire injuries among people ages 65 and older.

Smoke Safely



- If alcohol or medication makes you drowsy, or you're just plain tired, put your cigarette out right away.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Use deep ashtrays and put your cigarette all the way out.
- Don't walk away from a lit cigarette.

Cook Safely



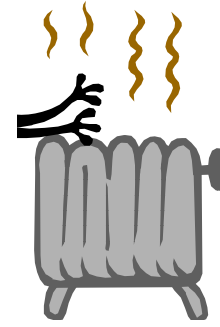
- Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries for people ages 65 and older.
- Cooking is the third leading cause of fire deaths for people ages 65 and older.

Cook Safely



- Never leave cooking unattended. A serious fire can start in just seconds.
- Always wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from flames.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house.

Heat Your Home Safely



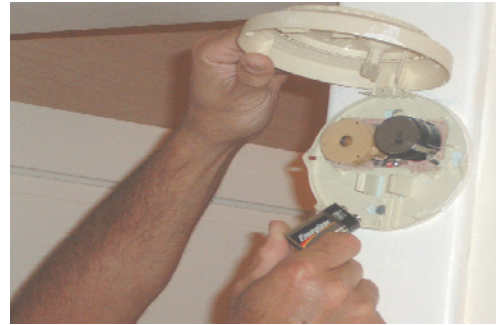
- Heating is the second leading cause of fire death for people ages 65 and older.
- Fires caused by heating are the third leading cause of fire injury for people ages 65 and older.

Heat Your Home Safely



- Space heaters need space. Keep heaters at least three feet away from your bed, curtains, and flammable materials.
- When buying a space heater, look for a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- Keep fire in the fireplace by making sure you have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs.

Get Out Alive



- **Smoke Alarms:** Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, test batteries monthly and change them at least once a year.
- **Home Fire Escape Plan:** Develop and practice a fire escape plan regularly, at least twice a year. Keep exits clear of debris.
- **Home Fire Sprinklers:** If at all possible, install residential sprinklers in your home.

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