**Fire Safety**

 Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms and keep them working. These should be tested once a month. Batteries should be replaced twice a year.

 Have fire extinguishers throughout the house (e.g., in the kitchen and garage). Identify fire exits and keep them clear.

 Don’t smoke while using oxygen or in a room where oxygen is handled. Oxygen aids in combustion- which makes things burn faster.

 Don’t smoke in bed.

 Don’t use frayed electrical cords. Keep electrical cords away from water.

 If there are signs of a wiring problem, such as frequently blown fuses or dimmed or fluttering lights, have your home’s electrical system checked.

 Do not use elevators in a fire.

**If you smell smoke or discover a fire in your home, do the following: “RACE”**

**R -** Rescue anyone in immediate danger.

**A -** Alert the fire department by calling 911 from a phone out of harm’s way.

**C -** Contain the fire by closing doors between you and the fire.

**E -** Extinguish or Evacuate. Extinguish the fire if it’s small and easy to contain; otherwise,

evacuate (leave the building immediately).

**Fire Extinguisher How-To’s**

 Make sure your fire extinguishers are easy to reach. If you use any of them, they will need to be recharged.

 Keep an ABC multipurpose fire extinguisher in your home. This is used for A (burning wood, paper, etc.), B (burning gas), and C (electrical) fires.

 To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **“PASS” P -** Pull the pin. Release the locking mechanism.

**A -** Aim low. Point at the base of the fire.

**S -** Squeeze. Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

**S -** Sweep. Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

**Smoke Alarm Tips**

 Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, near each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.

 When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside until the fire department clears the home.

 Replace all smoke alarms in your home every ten years.

 Replace your smoke alarm batteries twice a year.