

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND SMOKE DETECTORS

Fire Extinguishers

- Make sure your home has at least one working fire extinguisher; the kitchen is usually the best place to store it.
- Check the extinguisher at least once a year to make sure it still has adequate pressure.
- If you can't read the pressure indicator, bring it to any fire station for a free pressure check.
- Fire extinguishers are available in a variety of formulas and types:
 - Type "A" is for paper and wood fires.
 - Type "B" is for liquid and grease fires.
 - Type "C" is for electrical fires.
- Ideally, if you have only one type of extinguisher in the home, the combined "ABC" type will be effective for most home fires.

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- The "BC" type is also a good choice for a kitchen, since most kitchen fires are caused by grease or an overheated electrical outlet.

Smoke Detectors

- Your home or apartment should have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Be sure to perform the following routine safety and maintenance tasks:
 - Change the batteries in your detectors
 - Keep several extra batteries in your refrigerator.
 - Establish an annual date on which to change the batteries.
 - Many people use the daylight savings date, New Year's Eve, or a birthday. Use whatever date works best for you.
 - If your detector has a "chirping" feature that is activated when the battery is low, change the battery as soon as you hear it.

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