

KEEP THE HOME FIRES FROM BURNING

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT IS AMONG THE FORTY-SIX MILLION OLDER ADULTS IN THIS COUNTRY, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT'S THE AGE GROUP MOST THREATENED WITH DEATH OR INJURY BY FIRE—BUT YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF. PLACE SMOKE ALARMS INSIDE EACH BEDROOM, OUTSIDE EACH SLEEPING AREA AND ON EVERY LEVEL OF YOUR HOUSE. TEST THEM AT LEAST MONTHLY AND CHANGE THE BATTERIES AT LEAST YEARLY. ALTERNATIVE SMOKE ALARMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HARD OF HEARING. CALL AN ELECTRICIAN IF YOU SEE A DISCOLORED WALL PLATE, SMELL BURNING, OR HEAR A CRACKLING OR BUZZING SOUND FROM WALL SWITCHES OR RECEPTACLES. KEEP ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM HEATING EQUIPMENT. HAVE YOUR HEATING SYSTEM INSPECTED BY A QUALIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. NEVER LEAVE AN OPEN FLAME UNATTENDED. WEAR SHORT, CLOSE-FITTING OR TIGHTLY ROLLED SLEEVES WHEN COOKING. KEEP THE STOVE TOP AND OVEN CLEAN AND FREE OF GREASE AND OIL. TURN POT HANDLES IN. FOR FURTHER FACTS AND TIPS ON SAFETY, FROM THE EXPERTS AT ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, THE PREMIER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO PROMOTING ELECTRICAL SAFETY AT HOME AND IN THE WORKPLACE, VISIT E-S-F-I--DOT--ORG.