

Each season has unique electrical and fire dangers. Stay safe all year round by following these tips.

Fall

- An adult should always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the stove, toaster and other cooking appliances.
- Matches and candles should only be used by adults.
- Make sure all candles are blown out before leaving a room.

Winter

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn like blankets, curtains, clothes or papers. Turn them off when you go to sleep or leave the room.
- Do not overload outlets with too many decorations or appliances.
- Make sure all holiday decorations are turned off before you go to sleep or leave home.

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Spring

- Do not play around power lines or in trees near them. Be especially careful with kites and other flying toys.
- Stay far away from downed power lines and tell an adult right away.
- Do not play on or around electrical boxes.
- Go inside right away if you hear thunder or see lightning.

Summer

- Do not use electronic devices in or around water.
- Never touch anything electrical with wet hands.
- Never spray power lines or electrical boxes with hoses or water guns.
- Do not swim around boat docks. The water near them could have an electric charge.

Smoke Alarms = Year Round Safety

- Smoke alarms should be located on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
- Make sure you know what your smoke alarm sounds like and what to do if you hear it.
- Smoke alarms must be tested every month to make sure they are working.
- Batteries should be replaced at least once a year or right away if they start to "chirp" or "beep."
- Install new smoke alarms at least every ten years.

Visit www.kids.esfi.org for games and activities you can do with your whole family!

