

BE FIRE READY EVERY DAY

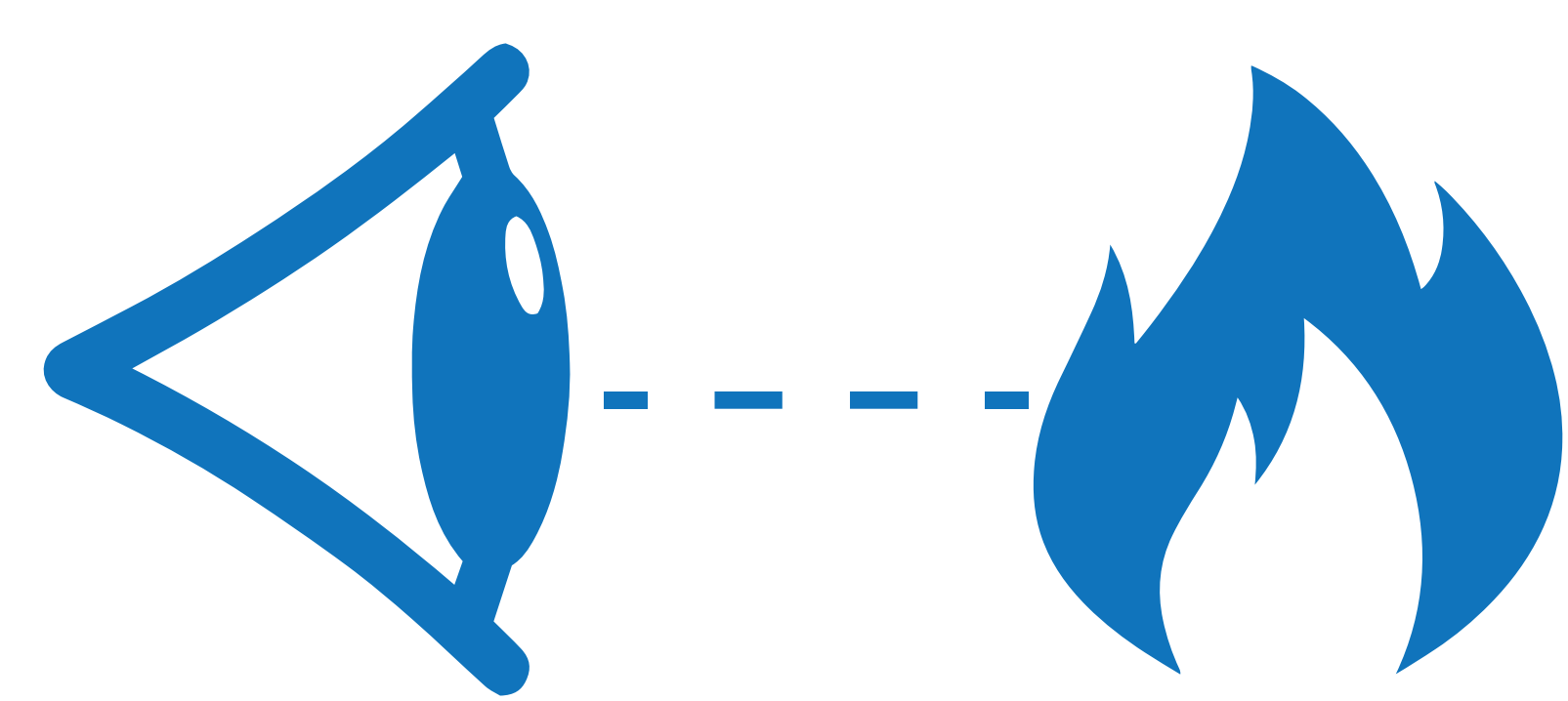
LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.



Each year over 350,000 residential fires are reported. Fire is responsible for over 2500 deaths; over 10,000 injuries; over 5 billion dollars worth of property damage and most of these tragedies are completely preventable.

LOOK

Fires can start anywhere. Inspect areas of your home that are most prone to fire: the kitchen, electric appliances, wiring, and the heating system.



Check your home "HOTSPOTS" to identify possible fire hazards!

HOME HOTSPOTS



KITCHEN

- Keep matches and lighters out of reach.
- Never leave cooking unattended
- Keep cooking surfaces clear of clutter.
- Hang curtains, pot holders, and dish towels at least 3 ft away from the stove.

The kitchen is the leading cause of home fires.



ELECTRICAL

- Avoid extension cords. Never run cords under rugs or across walkways.
- Never overload electrical outlets
- Check cords and plugs for wear
- Make sure appliances are UL approved.
- Lights flicker? Switches hot to the touch? Contact an electrician right away!



HEATING

- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Keep combustible materials 3 ft away from heat sources
- Make sure space heaters are clean and in good working condition.
- Use space heaters with thermostat controls and that will shut off if tipped over.

LISTEN

Working smoke alarms save lives. Proper smoke alarm placement and maintenance is critical to help keep your family safe in a fire.

- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace batteries twice a year. Never borrow batteries from the smoke alarm.
- Keep smoke alarms free of dust and other debris.
- Replace alarms every 10 years.
- Place smoke alarms on every level of your home (including the basement and attic.)
- Place smoke alarms outside each sleeping area.
- Place smoke alarms inside each bedroom.



LEARN

Fire can spread quickly, leaving as little as two minutes to get out safely once a smoke alarm sounds. Having and practicing a Safe Escape Plan can make all the difference.

- Know 2 ways out of every room.
- Have a safe meeting place - outside & a safe distance from your home.
- Practice home fire drills twice a year



KEEP FIRE DANGERS AWAY.
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