



# ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PREVENT PREPARE PERFORM

## Projects to Make Your Home Safer 1 of 3: General Home Safety

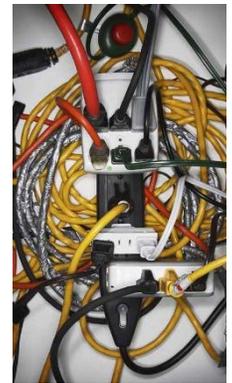
### Outside the Home

- ❑ Make sure your address is visible from the road. Address numbers should not be spelled out and the numbers should be at least 4 inches high and a minimum stroke width of ½ an inch.



### Inside the Home

- ❑ Space heaters should be plugged directly into an outlet and 3 feet away from other objects.
- ❑ Extension cords should not be used as permanent wiring instead use power strips that are grounded and have circuit breakers. If you must use an extension cord it should be plugged into a power strip. Never plug a power strip into another power strip.
- ❑ If you don't need it donate it! Why? Many of the items we purchase contain synthetic materials which burn hotter, faster and produce more toxic gasses than organic materials like wood and cotton. Reducing the amount of either types of fuels creates a safer environment for your family and firefighters.
- ❑ Never leave your cooking appliances unattended. Especially when frying. Never use water on a grease fire. Use copious amounts of flour or salt to smother it **or leave the house and call 911 immediately!**
- ❑ If heating appliances like boilers, furnaces and water heaters are in their own rooms never store combustible materials such as plastic, cardboard and cloth in them. If that is not feasible keep objects 3 feet away from them.

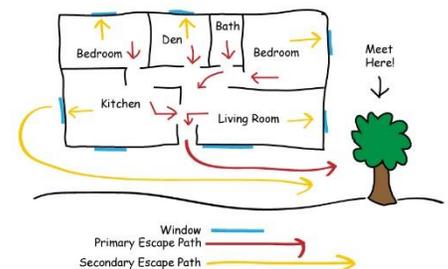


### Garages

- ❑ Store liquid fuels away in their own cabinets, shelves or floor space away from electrical, mechanical, hot engines, exhaust pipes and combustibles like plastics, paper and wood. Use safety cans with less than 6-gallon capacities.
- ❑ Use a metal container with a lid to store oily rags.
- ❑ Create as much space around where vehicles are parked.

### General

- ❑ Have an escape plan. If there is an emergency, does everyone in the house know how to call 911? Do you have a meeting place in a safe place that everyone knows?



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