



PREVENTING FIRES



At the Housing Authority we are very interested in keeping your family safe from fire. Listed below are a few of the ways to prevent fires in your home.

- ◇ Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- ◇ Do not leave anything on the stove unattended, even for a minute.
(These two things make up the majority of our fire losses)
- ◇ Keep combustibles, including clothing away from floor heaters, wall heaters and water heaters.
- ◇ Make sure your cigarettes and candles are properly extinguished.
- ◇ When leaving, make sure all appliances (i.e., stove, iron, curling iron, etc.) are turned off.



KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

Unfortunately, when there is a fire death it is most often a child.
Here are some tips to keep your children aware and alive.

- ◇ Make sure children know how to “**Stop, Drop and Roll**” if their clothing catches fire. (Children love to practice this and easily remember this important lesson.)
- ◇ Have your children draw escape routes from your unit. It should contain at least two different escape routes (windows can be used as escape routes). Post the floor plan where everyone can see it.
- ◇ Keep children aware of the need to stay “under” the smoke by crawling on the ground to the nearest exit during a fire.
- ◇ Have fire drills on a monthly basis so it will become second nature for everybody in the household.

