

# Fire Safety

Fast facts  
and  
safety tips



## Common Fire Starters

### Bathroom

Don't use electric space heaters in the bathroom or around other wet areas

### Kitchens

Cooking equipment, most often a range or stove-top, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the U.S.



### Candles

Don't leave burning candles unattended or alone with children or pets

### Smoking

Fires started by lighted tobacco products are the leading cause of residential fire deaths

## Safety Tips

Heat cooking oils gradually

Do not leave food unattended

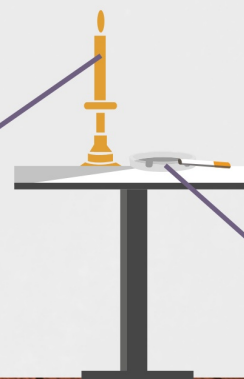
Never cook with dangling clothing

Do not leave candles unattended

Have a working smoke alarm in every bedroom and in the hallway, check once a month

Use approved space heaters and avoid placing items on top

Do not leave smoking materials



What Tenants Should Do	What Landlords Should Do
Test smoke alarms once a month.	Make sure smoke alarms are in working order before someone moves in.
Replace batteries in alarms when needed.	Replace alarms in units when they are no longer in working order
Take proper safety precautions (e.g. do not use extension cords extensively, or smoke in bed, etc.)	Maintain all smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in common areas; make sure all emergency exits are clearly marked
Submit a work order when needed.	Make sure every bedroom has an escape to the outside and meets building requirements.
	Make sure electrical circuits are working properly.

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## Resources

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### Portland Fire & Rescue

Fire Code Enforcement & Permit Office  
1300 SE Gideon St.

Fire Code & Inspection Questions  
(503) 823-3770, ask to speak with the Code Enforcement Duty Officer

Inspection Request Line  
(503) 823-1199