

# Household fire-safety tips presented

The Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division and the Farmington and Farmington Hills fire departments remind residents that National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12, is the time of year to re-acquaint your family with wood-heating-appliance safety.

Last year, there were 3,600 fires directly attributed to wood stoves, fireplaces and chimneys, which accounted for more than \$8.6 million in property loss.

Primary causes of these fires were:

- Improper installation of wood heating appliances that typically involved stoves installed too close to combustible walls, improper floor protection, unsafe installation through walls or ceilings, and furniture, wood

or clothing left too close to the heating appliance.

- Improper maintenance or operation, such as creosote buildup in chimneys and stove pipe connectors, improper disposal of ashes and escaping sparks or embers.

- Improper installation of venting pipes or chimneys that involved stove pipes installed too close to walls or ceilings and improper wall, ceiling and attic space penetration.

- Use of flammable liquids to kindle fires.

- Failure of automatic control devices.

- Fuel overload — too much fuel for the capacity of the appliance.

The following are safety checks: As-

sure that your appliance is 36 inches from combustible walls, that it is placed upon a non-combustible pad or hearth, and that all combustible materials, such as furniture, logs, newspapers and clothing, are placed at least 36 inches from the stove.

ONE OF the more important elements in fire safety is eliminating fire hazards from your home.

More than 20,000 residential fires occurred in Michigan in 1984. You can help reduce the chance that you and your home will become a fire casualty this year by inspecting it for fire hazards and making it fire safe, fire officials say.

- Install smoke detectors outside sleeping areas and on each level of the house. Clean detectors as recommended by the manufacturer and replace batteries once a year.

- Clean the attic, basement, closets and garage. Throw out old newspapers, rubbish and other combustibles.

- Make sure flammable liquids, such as gasoline, paint thinner, varnish, paint, lighter fluid and oils, are kept in tightly closed approved containers, and are stored in a cool, dry place away from furnaces or other heat sources.

- A fireplace should have a metal screen or glass doors installed in the opening to prevent escaping sparks or embers from igniting household combustible materials.

- Electrical extension cords should not be overloaded. They should be out in the open and not laid over hooks, placed under rugs or run through doorways where they may become worn and create short circuits.

- Have your chimney and chimney connector inspected and cleaned before and during each heating season, especially if a wood burning appliance is used.

- Furnaces and heating systems should be checked and cleaned at least annually.

LAST YEAR, 301 people lost their lives as a result of fires in Michigan. Of this number, 27 percent of the deaths were children under the age of 12. Children should know the following basic rules of fire safety so they can avoid serious injuries or death from fire, say fire officials:

- They should never play with matches.

- They should learn to avoid heat-producing appliances and furnaces.

- They should be taught to keep a safe distance from open fires.

- They should never play with electric cords and outlets.

- Young children should learn what hot means.

- Teach your child to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. STOP — resist the impulse to run. DROP — to the floor or ground. ROLL — over and over until the flames go out. In addition, help a victim by smothering a fire.

FIRE OFFICIALS add that 76,599 fires were reported in Michigan last year, causing \$309 million in property damage.

By observing the following basic fire safety rules, you can do your part in reducing home fire losses, say fire officials:

- Store combustibles properly — store all flammable liquids in approved containers and in safe locations. Never stack combustibles near a heat source.

- Be careful with electricity — do not overload outlets, never run extension cord under rugs, through doorways, behind radiators or across heavily traveled areas, replace frayed cords immediately, cover unused outlets, use a properly sized light bulb in all fixtures and lamps.

- When smoking — use large ashtrays, never empty ashtrays into wastebaskets before checking contents, never smoke in bed, never leave a burning cigarette unattended, always store matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Never leave young children alone at home; arrange to have a responsible person stay with the children.

## Coming up

### Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6-12

display. The program will include movies, refreshments, helium balloons and door prizes.

"The purpose of this event is to make the public more aware of fire problems and the solutions to those problems," Baldwin said.

THE EVENTS schedule will be:

- Noon — Doors open.

- 12:30 p.m. — Fire extinguisher demonstration.

- 12:45 p.m. — Jaws of Life (auto extraction).

- 1 p.m. — Aerial rescue show.

- 1:15 p.m. — Cardiopulmonary resuscitation demonstration.

- 2 p.m. — Fire extinguisher demonstration.

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