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"Fire Prevention Week" - October 6, 2019-October 12, 2019

It's not too soon to start thinking about fire safety week! Here are some tips on fire safety:

- Institute a "no smoking" policy in the house
- Check all cords and replace any that are frayed or have bare wires
- Switch to flameless candles
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if heater falls over.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries annually, and change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector
- Make an Escape Plan, with two ways to escape from each room
- Designate an outside meeting place, a safe distance from the house

The month of October is a great month to have a Firefighter speak at your club meeting about fire safety. You could also donate new stuffed teddy bears to your local Fire Department, for children who are victims of a fire in their home. The teddy bear is given to the child by the Firefighter during this stressful time, as a source of comfort.

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