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Main Causes of House Fires

As a very basic recommendation, check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. There are several rules, guides, and codes applying to basic smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. We recommend paying attention to the subject! There's plenty of information on the Internet to guide you through the subject of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

The main source of house fires in the United States has to do with cooking. Believe it or not, cooking fires account for close to 50% of all fires in the United States. Forgetting to turn off the stove, spilling grease, dirty ovens, and tops, and inadvertently leaving the oven/stove unattended.

Christmas trees are also substantial sources of house fires. The tree gets too dry, the wires are too old, and, of course, candles.

Another substantial source of house fires has to do with space heaters. Curtains, clothing, or furniture in front of a space heater. The space heater falls over or fails to turn off when it reaches its design temperature.

Electrical wires, overloaded circuit breaker panels are also substantial sources of house fires. Aluminum wires, old electrical outlets, ungrounded circuits are culprits.

And don't forget something as simple as dryer vents. Dryer lint is extremely flammable and regularly cause house fires. Keep your dryer vents and vent screens clean!

Smoking: although the number of people smoking has been dropping over the years, it is still a major source of house fires.

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