



KIRKWOOD
FIRE
RESCUE

City of Kirkwood Fire Department

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS

BE KITCHEN WISE

Never leave cooking unattended. Wear clothes with snug fitting sleeves when you cook. **DO NOT WEAR LOOSE FITTING CLOTHING!** Use a timer to remind you to turn the burners or oven off. Keep stove surfaces free of clutter and built up grease. Keep all kitchen appliances in good condition and have any worn electric cords or plugs replaced.

GIVE SPACE HEATERS SPACE

Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet from everything – including you. Just brushing against one could set your clothing on fire.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Make sure you have smoke detectors and they work properly. The Kirkwood Fire Department can help you to make sure you have smoke detectors in the proper location and they are working properly. You should have a smoke detector outside all sleeping areas, as well as, one in each bedroom and on every level of the home, including the basement. Make sure you change your batteries twice a year in the spring and in the fall when you change your clocks. If you are hearing impaired, use smoke detectors that have a blinking light.

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

For more information call the Kirkwood Fire Department at 314-822-5883