

## **FIRE AND ELECTRICAL EMERGENCIES**

Children and the elderly are at the greatest risk to be injured or killed in a fire. Emphasize the following points with your children. Demonstrate and practice where applicable.

- Crawl to the nearest exit to stay below toxic smoke. If the door is hot, find another way out. If you can't get out, hang a sheet outside the window.
- Practice "stop, drop and roll" and explain that running will make the fire burn faster.
- Devise and practice a "Home Escape Plan." Identify two escape routes from each room. Choose a meeting place that is a safe distance from all hazards. Once everyone is outside, no one is allowed to re-enter the house for any reason.
- Install and maintain smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Change batteries in spring and fall when daylight savings time changes. Make sure children recognize the smoke detector sound.
- Check wiring in your home. Replace worn or damaged cords and plugs.
- Maintain all electrical appliances, including furnace, stove, etc.
- Check chimney annually and clean as necessary.
- Do not use elevators to exit in case of a fire.

### **BE PREPARED IF YOU LOSE ELECTRICAL POWER IN THE HOME**

- Cordless phones do not work during power outages. Cell phones or corded phones may.
- Post emergency numbers near the phone and keep a copy in your emergency kit.
- Automatic garage door openers won't work during an outage. Be sure you know how to operate the door manually.
- If anyone in the household depends on electrical medical equipment, call your electric supplier's 24-hour service center and have it noted on your account.
- If an outage occurs, call your electric supplier promptly. Every call helps determine the location and extent of an outage. Let them know of any downed lines, damaged poles, etc.
- During weather-related outages, turn off or unplug as many appliances as possible. This will help prevent damage from a power surge when power is restored. When power is restored, turn appliances on one at a time.
- Avoid using candles after severe weather damage or power outages – the risk of fire and explosion is too great.

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Wisconsin Public Service

- *Electric* 800-450-7240
- *Gas* 800-450-7280

We Energies 800-662-4797  
Alliant Energies 800-255-4268  
Diggers Hotline 8-1-1