

FIRE PREVENTION

RISK MANAGEMENT FROM ENCOVA INSURANCE

In 2021, over 350,000 residential building fires amounted to over \$8.8 billion in losses in the U.S.* A fire in your home can lead to devastating loss – not just financially, but irreplaceable sentimental items can be lost, too. Luckily, there are several steps you can take to mitigate your residential fire risk.

Smoke detectors

- Test smoke detectors to ensure they're working properly.
- Change smoke detector batteries every six months.
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years.

Dryers

- Clean dryer vents every six to 12 months.
- Clean lint traps before every use.

Smoking

- If you smoke, never smoke inside your home.
- Never smoke where oxygen is being used.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Do not ash cigarettes or cigars near decks, siding or mulch.

Electrical fires

- Install an electrical monitoring device to help prevent electrical fires.
- Do not overload outlets or power strips.
- Do not use electrical cords with visible signs of wear or overuse.

**According to the U.S. Fire Administration.*

