

Senior Safety News



Clermont County General Health District Senior Safety Program

Senior Fire Safety

Seniors are much more likely to perish in a fire than the rest of the US population. The US Fire Administration says people over 65 have a home fire death rate nearly twice the national average. For people over the age of 75, the risk of death is nearly tripled. Older adults account for 32% of fire deaths and 12% of fire related injuries according to the National Fire Data Center of the US Fire Administration. People with limited physical and cognitive abilities, especially older adults, are at a higher risk of death from fire than other groups. These statistics are very disturbing since estimates show that by the year 2030, there will be over 70 million senior Americans.

Other Facts on Seniors & Fires:

- Approx 50% more men die in fires than women.
- Older adult females sustain twice as many fire injuries as males.
- 1/3 of female fire deaths occur in women over 70 years of age.
- Men incur more injuries trying to extinguish the fire and rescue people than do women.

Home fire safety precautions can help keep seniors safe in their homes and mean the difference between life and death.

1. The American Burn Association recommends keeping eyeglasses, hearing aids and a flashlight close to the bed. Looking for these items in a fire can take up precious time.
2. Never smoke in bed or while lying on the couch. Smoldering cigarettes are the leading cause of fire deaths in the US according to the National Fire Protection Association.
3. Never leave food unattended on the stove. When leaving the kitchen, take a spoon or potholder with you as a reminder to turn off the stove or oven.
4. Turn off space heaters when you leave a room or go to sleep. Be extremely cautious when using space and kerosene heaters and keep them at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

5. Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.



The Clermont County Senior Safety Program offers free home safety checks by local Fire/EMS personnel to identify and help correct fire and fall risks. They can give additional tips for keeping the homes of seniors safer and healthier. Many local Fire/EMS departments offer more than fire-fighting and fire safety. For additional information on the Clermont Senior Safety Program or the services offered by the local Fire/EMS department, call (513) 735-8421 or the non-emergency phone number for the local Fire Department.

A Clermont County Senior Safety Coalition meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010 .

February 2010

911 Fall Data Statistics & Grab bars installed 2010

FALLS 2010

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GRAB BARS 2010

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