

# Keeping Senior's Safe

Senior Safe at Home  
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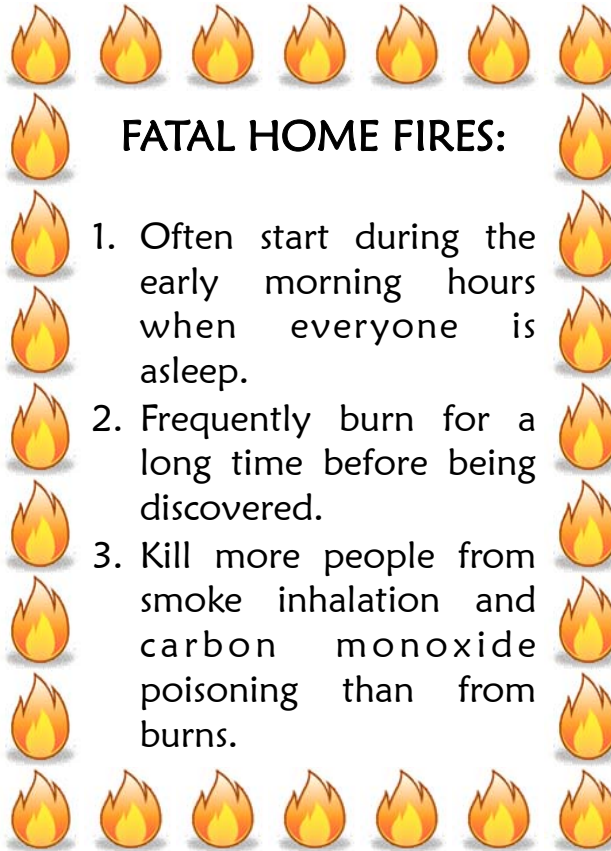
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## FATAL HOME FIRES:

1. Often start during the early morning hours when everyone is asleep.
2. Frequently burn for a long time before being discovered.
3. Kill more people from smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning than from burns.



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## About This FREE Program

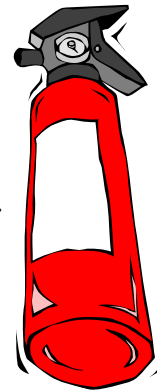
If you are a Charlotte County Resident and over 60 years of age (or disabled), you are eligible to participate in the program.

A Charlotte County Fire/EMS Engine Company will come to your home and perform a FREE home inspection for fire safety. If needed, a FREE smoke detector will be given also.



*A few questions to ask yourself:*

- Have you checked your smoke detectors this month?
- Do you know if your home is “Fire Safe?”
- Do you have a fire extinguisher and have you checked it recently?



These are important questions that should not be left unanswered.



## Did You Know?

*Smoke, not heat, is the leading cause of death in home fires.*

*Over 94% of all homes in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm. However, surveys show that 1/2 to 1/3 of them do not work because the battery is either dead or missing.*

*You have nearly a 50% better chance of surviving a fire in your home with working smoke alarms.*

*Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years.*

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