



TARPON SPRINGS FIRE RESCUE

CONDO & APARTMENT FIRE SAFETY



Simple steps to protect your home, your family & your neighbors



KNOW YOUR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

When an alarm sounds, take action!

Many residents assume that a building fire alarm automatically contacts 9-1-1. Do not make that assumption.

Ask your HOA/property management:

- Is our fire alarm system monitored?
- What happens when the alarm activates?
- Does the system automatically notify 9-1-1?
- Where are the alarm pull stations?
- What should residents do when the alarm sounds?

If you see smoke or fire, call 9-1-1.

Don't assume someone else has already called.



Smoke Alarms in Your Home

- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Replace after 10 years
- If you don't know the age of your smoke alarm, it's time to replace it!



DRYER FIRE SAFETY

Clean your lint filter EVERY LOAD.

Lint can accumulate in the dryer and exhaust system and create a serious fire hazard.

Remember:

- ✓ Clean the lint screen before or after every load.
- ✓ Keep the area around the dryer clear.
- ✓ Make sure the outside dryer vent is not blocked.
- ✓ Have the dryer and exhaust duct inspected and cleaned as needed.



Warning signs:

- Clothes take longer than normal to dry.
- Dryer becomes unusually hot.
- Laundry room becomes very warm.
- Burning smell.
- Outside vent does not open properly.



LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are found in phones, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, scooters, mobility devices and many other products.

CHARGE SAFELY

- ✓ Use the manufacturer's charger.
- ✓ Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓ Charge on a hard, stable surface.
- ✓ Keep batteries away from beds, couches and other combustibles.
- ✓ Don't cover chargers or batteries while charging.



STOP USING A BATTERY IF IT IS:

- Swollen
- Bulging
- Leaking
- Damaged
- Excessively Hot
- Smoking
- Making Hissing/Crackling Sounds



COOKING FIRE SAFETY

Stay in the kitchen when cooking!

- Keep towels, paper, curtains and other combustibles away from the stove.
 - Keep pot handles turned inward.
- Keep cooking surfaces clean.
 - Never leave cooking unattended.
- **If a grease fire starts:**
 - TURN OFF THE HEAT — IF SAFE TO DO SO.
 - For a small pan fire, carefully cover it with a lid.
 - **NEVER USE WATER ON A GREASE FIRE.**
- **If the fire continues:**



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Prevent electrical fires:

- ✓ Don't overload outlets or power strips.
- ✓ Replace damaged or frayed cords.
- ✓ Don't use extension cords as permanent wiring.
- ✓ Keep cords away from heat and water.
- ✓ Use appliances according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If an outlet, cord or appliance becomes unusually hot, stop using it.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- A fire extinguisher may be useful for a small, contained fire when you have a clear escape route.

• P.A.S.S.

- P** — Pull the pin
- A** — Aim at the base
- S** — Squeeze the handle
- S** — Sweep side to side



YOUR HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK

Take a few minutes today:

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| ☐ Test my smoke alarms | ☐ Clean my dryer lint filter |
| ☐ Know how my building's alarm system works | ☐ Check my dryer vent |
| ☐ Know whether the system is monitored | ☐ Inspect my lithium-ion batteries |
| ☐ Know two ways out | ☐ Keep exits and hallways clear |
| ☐ Know where the stairwells are | ☐ Review my family's fire escape plan |

*Stay Alert
Stay Safe!*