

FIRE MARSHAL BOB'S FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Latchkey Children



Many school-aged children need to stay alone at home before or after school. These children are often referred to as "latchkey children." It's important to talk to your kids about specific fire safety in the home.

Safety Tips:

- DO NOT put anything metal in the microwave.**
- DO NOT leave anything burning on the stove or in the oven. (Kitchen fires are the leading cause of house fires in the country.)**
- DO NOT use water on stove fires. Use the lid or a cookie sheet to cover it.**
- DO NOT open the oven if there is a fire inside.**
- Know two ways out of every room in case of a fire.**
- DO NOT look for items or pets if there is a fire. GET OUT!**
- Call 911 immediately. DO NOT try and put the fire out!**
- DO NOT use a lighter or matches. No lighting candles.**

Remember to check your smoke detectors. If it's more than 10 years old, it should be replaced. Call the American Red Cross at (219) 756-5360 for a free smoke detector.