SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

YOU SHOULD INSTALL BOTH SMOKE AND CO ALARMS ON EVERY LEVEL ON THE HOME

A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE

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FIRE SAFETY FOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANT PRACTICE
The observance of certain religious traditions can sometimes pose fire safety hazards. Please take special care when observing certain practices and always have working smoke alarms on every level of your home and practice a home escape plan.

- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of cooking fires.
- Place warming food overnight Shabbat away from anything that can catch fire.
- Watch young children closely. Older ones need to be taught cooking safety.
- Clean food surfaces to prevent grease build-up.
- Keep towels and curtains away from stove top. Store solvents and flammables away from heat source.
- Turn pan handles inward to prevent spills.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing. A loose robe or sweater sleeve can easily catch fire.
- Call 911 immediately in case of fire.
- Turn off burner. Use a pan lid to smother in-the-pan oil or grease fires. Never carry the pan outside.
- Keep a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Know how to use it beforehand.
- Consider a kitchen only smoke alarm in addition to other home smoke alarms. Test all alarms monthly.
- When using a hot plate make certain it is the latest design, is UL certified and does not have a damaged electrical cord.
- Plug it in to an outlet, never use an extension cord.
- Consult with rabbinical authority first, but a crock pot instead of a hot plate may be permissible for Shabbat.
- Use battery operated candles if permissible.