

FIRE & BURN SAFETY TIPS FOR CHANUKAH

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The Menorahs

- Remove anything that may catch fire from the areas near the menorahs. Be sure to remove curtains, blinds, bedding, decorations, and children's projects from the areas of the menorahs.
- Make sure the menorahs are sturdy and level, and will not tip.
- Don't use menorahs made out of flammable materials such as wood.
- Make sure small children stay away from the menorahs.
- Prepare a fire extinguisher or bucket of water in case of emergencies CH"V.
- Check your smoke detectors.
- House fires tend to occur more often during the winter months. Prepare an escape plan and frequently rehearse it with your family.
- **Never leave burning candles unattended.**



In the Kitchen

- When frying latkes or doughnuts, keep children away from the hot oil, and be careful!
- Don't leave cooking food unattended.
- Take precautions when handling hot pots and pans. Use oven mitts or potholders.
- Turn frying pan handles away from the edge of the stove and try to use the back burners.
- Keep the area around the stove clear of towels, papers, pot holders or anything that could burn.
- Create a "child-free safety zone" of at least 3-feet from the front of the stove.



Let's Talk About Burns

Please note that the information here is only for slight burns affecting a small area. For any significant burn call Hatzolah immediately. If you are unsure whether Hatzolah is needed for a burn, always err on the side of caution and call.

There are three common kinds of burns:

- **Superficial thickness (first-degree)** - redness and some pain.
- **Partial thickness (second-degree)** - blisters and usually more pain.
- **Full thickness (third-degree)** - charring of skin, sometimes with loss of sensation of pain.

The information below is for minor first and second degree burns only.

- Skin continues to burn for a while after the heat source has been removed. It is of utmost importance to begin cooling the burn as soon as possible. A burn that is left untreated can continue to get worse.
- Burns can be cooled by running cool water (but not too cold) on the affected area, by immersing the burn in cool water, or by covering the area with a cool, wet towel. When using the immersion or towel method, it is necessary to periodically re-cool the water or towel.
- Do not put creams on fresh burns, since the creams can actually trap in heat and make the burn worse.

***Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy Chanukah,
from all of us at Hatzolah.***

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TOP THREE FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- 1 INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
- 2 HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN
- 3 CONDUCT A SAFETY INSPECTION



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