



It's

FIRE

Prevention Month

We all have a responsibility to educate and look out for each other to ensure fire safety. Below is a list of 5 things that you can be on the lookout for to ensure your friends and family are being safe and doing their part to prevent fires:

- 1. DO NOT stick foreign objects into light sockets.** Placing foreign objects into light sockets can not only cause the person holding the object to get shocked, but it can also cause sparking which can lead to a fire.
- 2. DO NOT use appliances or electronic devices with frayed wiring.** Faulty wiring can lead to electric shock and can also cause sparking which can lead to a fire.
- 3. DO NOT leave space heaters unattended in a room.** Space heaters put off enormous amounts of heat and can cause fires if they are in close proximity of other items or if they are inadvertently knocked over.
- 4. DO NOT play with or leave candles burning unattended in a room.** Candles are essentially a contained fire, but if they are knocked over or come in contact with other items they can cause a fire. Candles should never be played with.
- 5. DO NOT stick metal or aluminum materials in the microwave.** Always remove food items from metal containers and be sure to remove any aluminum coverings. Metal and aluminum can cause sparks when heated in a microwave. Those sparks can lead to a devastating fire. The best practice is to always confirm that a dish is microwave safe before putting it in the microwave.

CREATE A COMIC WITH A MESSAGE!

Think about fire safety. What are some other things you can share with your friends and family to help ensure they are being safe and doing their part to prevent fires? Create a fire safety cartoon comic that you can share with your friends.

SEND US A COPY OF YOUR COMIC FOR **A CHANCE TO WIN A \$250.00 GIFT CARD (AND IF YOU WIN, WE WILL SEND YOUR TEACHER A \$500.00 GIFT CARD!)**.

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