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Pesach Fire Safety



We provide home fire safety advice to keep you safe at home. Read the information in this leaflet to help you stay safe as you celebrate Pesach.

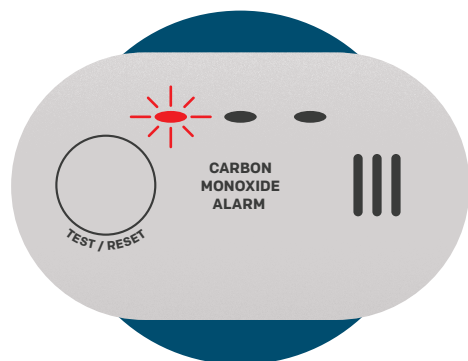
If you are concerned about your fire safety, or the fire safety of others, please visit our website below to complete our online assessment for personalised advice or to find out if you are eligible for a Home Fire Safety Assessment.

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**Pesach is a time for special food, songs and customs.
Follow our safety advice to help you have a joyful and safe holiday.
Chag Sameach.**

Preparing the kitchen for Pesach

- Take great care when using aluminium foil. Foiling a gas hob is extremely hazardous as it limits the burning of the flame and creates dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in your home.
- Do not use aluminium foil in a microwave.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector. If the alarm sounds, get out and call the Gas Emergency Helpline on 0800 111 999.



Cooking safety

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Turn off cooking/electrical appliances when they are not being used.
- If using a hot plate (blech), always check the appliance prior to use. Do not use any appliance such as a hot plate or water heater if the cable appears damaged.
- Check the hot plate is clean and away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep electrical leads and appliances away from water.
- Don't overload electrical sockets - only use one plug in each socket. If you have to use more than one plug per socket, use a fused adaptor and keep the total output to no more than 13 amps.

In case of fire when cooking

Don't panic and don't take risks.

If a pan catches fire:

1. Don't tackle the fire yourself and never throw water over it.
2. Turn off the heat – but only if it's safe to.
3. Leave the room and close the door. Remember 'pikuach nefesh': get out, stay out, call 999.

Candle safety

- Consider an extra smoke alarm in the rooms where you burn candles.
- Make sure the candle is standing up straight and is firmly fixed in a proper holder, so it can't fall over.
- Always place candles on a heat-resistant surface.
- Keep candles out of draughts and away from fabrics, such as blowing curtains, and other sources of heat or direct sunlight.
- Avoid burning candles close together, as this might cause the flame to flare.
- Never place candles under shelves or other surfaces.
- Burn all candles well out of reach of children and pets.

Bedikat chametz

- Keep candles away from bedding, curtains, tablecloths, clothing, or anything that can ignite easily.
- Supervise children, closely, at all times.
- Do not leave candles unattended. Make sure to extinguish them when you are finished.

Burning chametz

- Use a designated outdoor area, clear of combustibles and located well away from any structures.
- Use extreme caution when lighting a fire and never use any type of accelerant (e.g. paraffin or petrol) to increase the flame.
- An adult should constantly attend to fires, never leaving them unattended. Always make sure children are supervised.
- Have a fire extinguisher, or a garden hose connected to a water supply, readily available to extinguish the fire, if necessary.

Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and a heat alarm in your kitchen. Test your alarms at least monthly.



A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to:



Get out



Stay out



Call 999

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If you do not have access to the internet, call **0800 555 815**