

# COMMON CAUSES of HOME FIRES

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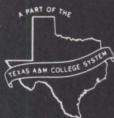
**FARM FIRES  
TAKE LIVES  
DESTROY PROPERTY  
CONSUME FOOD  
AND FEED  
CAUSE NEEDLESS  
SUFFERING**



*Check your fire hazards . . .*

*Be prepared to fight a possible  
fire with*

- Prevention
- Proper Equipment
- Know-how



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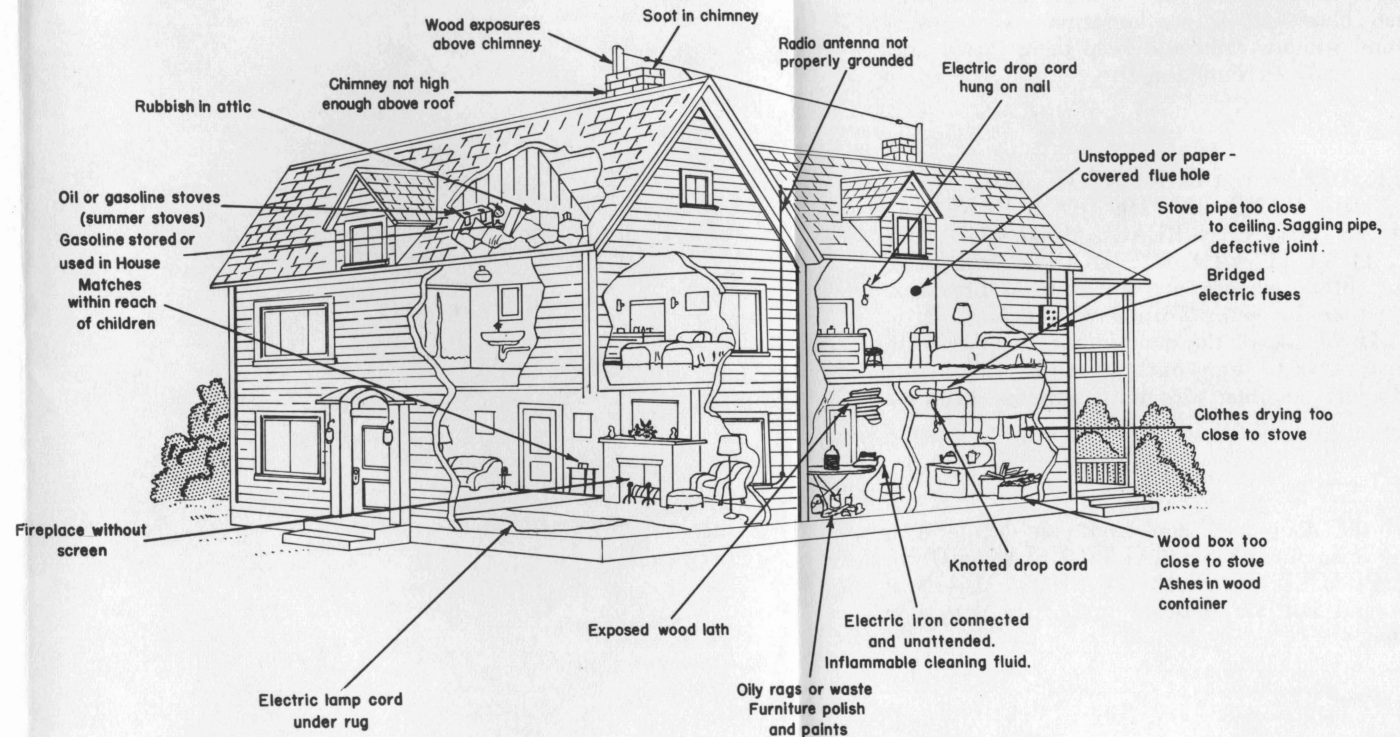
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*Nine Out of Ten  
Fires Are Preventable*

WITH YOUR HELP, AND  
THAT OF EVERY  
HOME OWNER, MOST  
OF THE TRAGIC AND  
EXTRAVAGANT FIRE  
WASTE CAN BE  
AVOIDED.

USE THIS CHART AND  
CHECK YOUR HOME  
TO ELIMINATE ANY  
FIRE HAZARD

*Do It Today*



## FOR FIRE PREVENTION

Check your farm and house regularly.  
Eliminate all possible fire hazards.  
Form safety habits to prevent fires.

## IN CASE OF FIRES

These are simple rules which may save lives, prevent suffering and loss of property.

### *Rule 1 —*

**LOCK THE FIRE IN THE ROOM WHERE IT STARTED UNTIL EVERYONE IS SAFE AND YOU KNOW HOW YOU ARE GOING TO FIGHT IT.** Fire must have air as well as fuel. Opening a door or window may cause a draft that will whip a small blaze into a conflagration. Close every door and window tight and keep them closed until you are ready to fight the fire.

### *Rule 2 —*

**NEVER OPEN A DOOR UNTIL YOU HAVE PUT YOUR HAND ON THE DOOR PANEL AS HIGH AS YOU CAN REACH AND YOU ARE SURE THAT IT AND THE DOOR KNOB ARE COOL.** More persons are killed from breathing hot air than by being burned with flames. Heat rises. If the top of the door is hot, don't open it. You may have to jump out, but think twice before you do. If possible, wait until someone brings a ladder.

### *Rule 3 —*

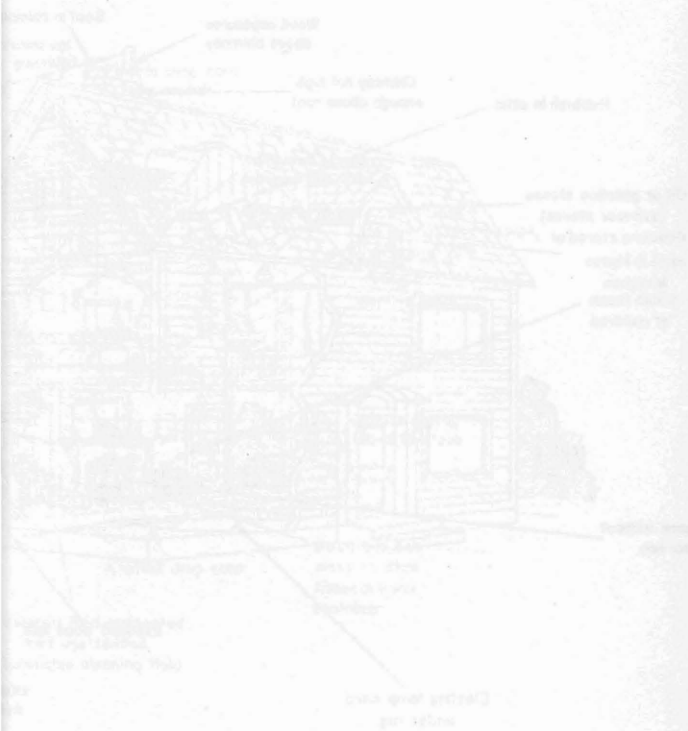
If the door feels cool and you decide it is safe to open it, **DO SO CAUTIOUSLY AND BE WELL-BRACED TO SLAM IT SHUT AGAIN** if smoke and hot air indicate more fire than you expected.

### *Rule 4 —*

If you must go into a room filled with fire and smoke, **KEEP CLOSE TO THE FLOOR—CRAWL.** A woolen cloth or coat over your head will give some temporary protection.

To avoid getting excited and doing something foolish, fight a fire in your mind before it occurs. Take one building at a time and decide how you would proceed:

- To get your entire family to safety.
- To save the most valuable articles.
- To fight the fire: What equipment have you — sand or water buckets, chemical extinguishers, ladders, water supply, etc.?



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