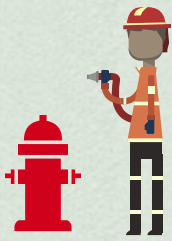


SENIOR FIRE SAFETY

Individuals over the age of 65 continue to be the fastest growing age population. In South Carolina, almost 19 percent of the population is over the age of 65, making South Carolina one of the “Top 10” states with the highest percentage of older people.

A white silhouette of a man and a woman. The woman is using a cane.

Did you know? In 2019, older adults in the United States:

<p>Had a 2.5 times greater risk of dying in a fire than the total population.</p>	<p>Ages 85 and over were 3.6 times more likely to die in a fire than the total population.</p>	<p>Ages 85 and over had the highest fire death rate.</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration Fire is Everyone's Fight</p>
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HAVE A PLAN

- Have a fire escape plan that meets your needs.
- Know two ways out of every room.

Think about your needs. Be sure to keep your glasses, hearing aid, cane or wheel chair close to your bed at night. If there is an emergency, you will be able to grab them quickly as you leave.

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RIGHT ALARM, RIGHT LOCATION

<p>SMOKE</p> <p>Install smoke alarms in your bedrooms, hallways, living room, and on every level of the home. Test them monthly. Replace smoke alarms after 10 years.</p>	<p>CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)</p> <p>Depending on the type of CO alarm, the life-span is up to 10 years. They should be placed on every level of the home and tested monthly.</p>	<p>DEAF/ HARD of HEARING</p> <p>Consider getting a bed-shaker alarm if you are deaf or hard of hearing.</p>
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GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

<p>Smoking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoke outside.• Neve smoke in bed.• Do not smoke while on or around home oxygen.	<p>Heating Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.• Plug space heaters directly into an outlet.• Turn off all heating equipment before going to bed.	<p>Cooking Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep flammable items away from heat sources.• Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.• Only use the oven or stove for cooking, not as a heat source.
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**Prevent home fire.
Protect what matters.**

