

## Keep safety in focus this Fire Prevention Week

(HTF)—Fire safety begins with eliminating fire hazards. A simple message, but not something many of us take the time to act upon. With National Fire Safety Awareness Week slated for October 8-15 this year, now is the time to begin removing potential fire hazards from your home.

The Certified Home Institute recommends undertaking the following room-by-room tasks for a more fire safe home this season:

- **The Kitchen**
  - Keep cooking surfaces free of grease buildups.
  - Make sure curtains, napkins, pot holders and aprons are kept away from burners and heat.
  - Check that major appliances such as the dishwasher and refrigerator are in working order.
  - Clean them regularly and have them periodically maintained by a qualified service technician.
  - Keep trash in covered containers and dispose of it regularly.
- **The Family Room**
  - Have chimneys and fireplaces professionally inspected by qualified technicians.
  - Check space heaters for frayed or damaged wiring. Keep heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible including drapes and furniture.
- **The Living Room**
  - Move any furniture that blocks access to windows and doors.
- **The Bedroom**
  - Never smoke cigarettes, cl-

gats or pipes in bed.

- Never use extension cords as permanent wiring. It is cause for trouble.
- Keep small appliances, such as hair dryers unplugged when not in use.

• **The Attic**

- Check the insulation in your attic. If it is combustible, replace it with a more fire safe material.

For example, cellulose insulation, made of ground up newspapers, can be a source of attic fires when installed too close to heat sources such as recessed lights. Replace cellulose with a noncombustible, high quality material like InsulSafe® 4 Blown-In Fiber Class Insulation. InsulSafe will remain noncombustible for the life of a home.

• **The Basement**

- If paints, thinners or gasoline are now in your home, remove them to an outside shed, if possible.

• Have your furnace professionally inspected by qualified technicians or fire officials at least once a year.

In addition, take precautions so you are prepared in the event a fire does break out. Make sure extinguishers are installed, fully charged and your family members know how to use them. Also make sure you have a smoke detector between each bedroom, at the head of each stairway and on each level in the rest of the house. Also develop and practice a family escape plan.

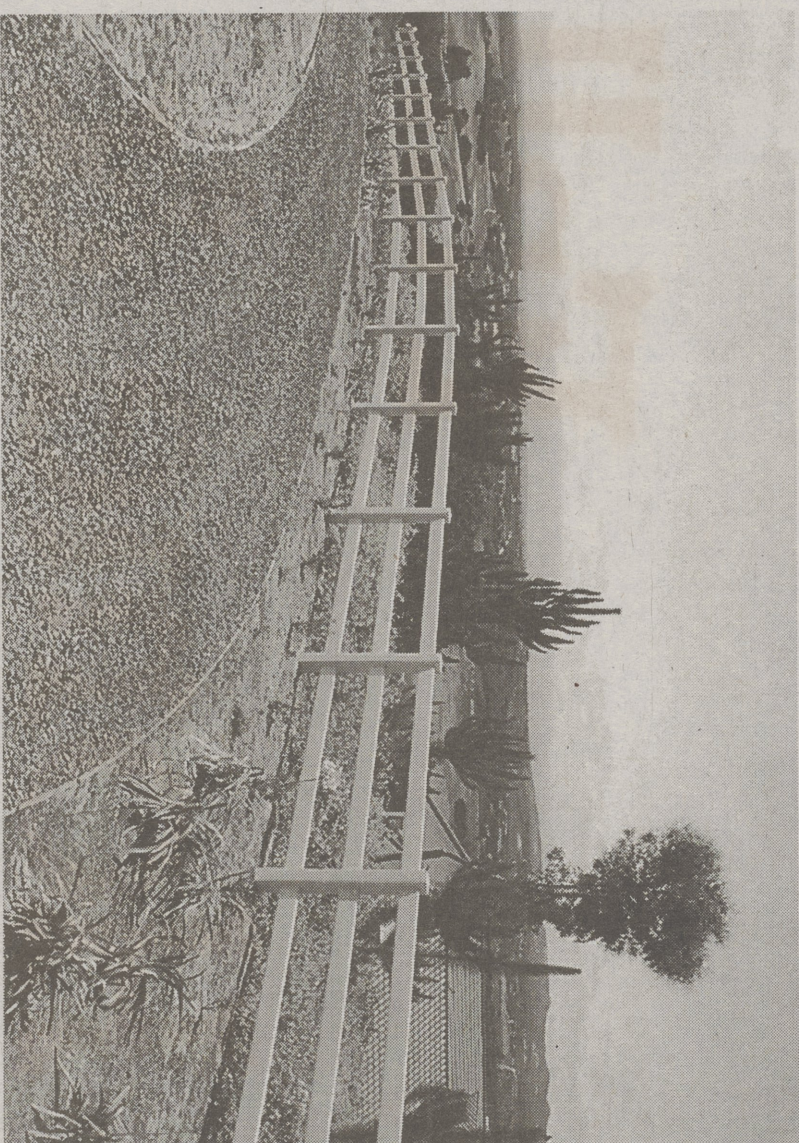
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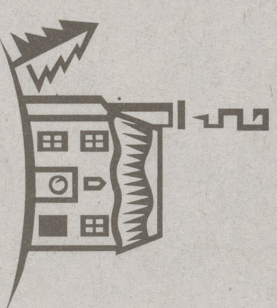
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- Pet odors and residue
- Environmental ozone from electrical appliances

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### Projects

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plan, which includes material costs, specifications and design details, will be prepared. When the design is approved and the budget is set, a payment schedule will be arranged. NKBA member firms will usually offer a contract that outlines project responsibilities and a payment sched-

- Cleaning chemicals
- Smoke from tobacco products, cooking, candles
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from construction materials, adhesives, paint, carpet, appliances, furniture
- Personal hygiene chemicals

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The time frame for completion of projects will vary. Generally, kitchen and bathroom projects take two weeks to several months to complete. Although living with construction is not easy, it will all seem worth it once your new kitchen or bathroom is complete.

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