

# Protecting Our Community Starts With US



## Community Risk Reduction

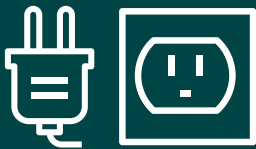
Be prepared to help protect yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your community.

**CALL 9-1-1  
IN AN EMERGENCY**

## District 5: Top Causes of Fires in 2025

**25%**

Electrical



**15%**

Cooking Fires



**11%**

Careless Smoking



### Preventing Electrical Fires

- Do not overload outlets or power strips. Plugging in too many appliances into one power strip or daisy-chaining them together can start a fire.
- Always plug major appliances directly into wall outlets, including space heaters.
- Regularly replace old, worn and/or damaged extension cords/chargers.

### Preventing Cooking Fires

- Never leave your range or cooktop unattended while cooking.
- Keep your cooking area clean and free of combustibles.
- Be sure to clean up any spilled or splattered grease.

### Preventing Smoking Fires

- Do not smoke under heavy medication or heavy alcohol use.
- Properly dispose of cigarettes. Use deep, wide ashtrays to prevent tipping and never toss butts in mulch, potted plants or vegetation.
- Don't smoke in bed, mattresses, and furniture catch fire easily.

