13 things your insured can do to avoid fire or injury from fire in their home.

* Smoke alarms should be installed throughout the home including the kitchen, basement, and every bedroom and outside sleeping area.
* Never remove or disable smoke alarms.
* Test smoke alarms at least once per month by pushing the test button.
* Interconnect smoke alarms so if one sounds, they all do.
* If smoke alarms don’t work, replace the correct size battery or the entire smoke alarm unit.
* Don’t let children play with fire.
* Don’t leave cooking items or clothing irons unattended.
* Place a portable ladder in each second floor room.
* Have an updated, emergency first aid kit.
* Develop a family plan and conduct a home “Fire Drill” at least twice a year.
* Check fire extinguishers for expiration and replace as needed.
* Handle gasoline or propane-powered equipment cautiously.
* Install carbon monoxide detectors.

