

Chanukah Fire Safety

for Kids

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Chanukah – the Yom Tov of light is here! Everyone is preparing for this special Yom Tov. In school, children are learning about the nes Chanukah, the miracle of Chanukah. In the shops, families are busy buying oil, wicks, and candles for their menorahs. And everyone is planning exciting Chanukah parties! But at the Fire Department, firefighters are busy, too. They are doing an important job. They are making sure that everyone stays safe this Chanukah. The Fire Department is asking families to be especially careful on Chanukah. Here are some rules to help families stay safe on Chanukah:

8 Safety Tips for the 8 Days of Chanukah!



1. Put *menorahs* at least four feet away from curtains, shades, or cabinets.



2. Never leave children alone in a room with a lit *menorah*.



3. Never use a *menorah* made from plastic, wood or other material that can catch on fire and burn.



4. Adults should never place towels, papers, or anything that could burn next to the stove when they are frying *latkes*.



5. Adults should never leave the kitchen while frying *latkes* or doughnuts on Chanukah.



6. Adults should always turn frying pan handles toward the back of the stove.



7. Make sure your smoke or fire detector is working. Check the batteries before Chanukah.



8. *Menorahs* should always be placed on strong, sturdy furniture.

Did You Know? Children's skin is thinner than the skin of adults. That is why their burns are usually more serious. Children's skin will also get burned at lower temperatures.