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FIRE SAFETY TIPS (I)

BASED ON PAMPHLETS AND PRESENTATION BY TORONTO FIRE SERVICES

IF THERE IS A FIRE IN YOUR APARTMENT:

- Leave your apartment immediately
- Close but DO NOT LOCK your door
- Pull the fire alarm on your floor ~ one is located beside each stairwell door
- Leave by going down (never up!) the stairs, and DON'T USE ELEVATORS
- Call 9-1-1, give your name, street address and location of fire within building
- Don't stay in the lobby, as you could interfere with the firefighters
- NEVER re-enter a burning apartment/building for any reason

ON HEARING A FIRE ALARM FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE BUILDING:

- It's your choice whether or not to evacuate, but if the fire is not in your own apartment, you may be safest to stay put ~ apartment buildings have concrete slabs that inhibit fires from spreading
- If you know the source of the smoke or fire, call 911 and give its exact location ~ this will help the dispatcher give directions to the responders
- If you choose to evacuate, check the door first for heat and if clear then leave by the stairs ~ if smoke is heavily concentrated in one stairwell, go up to the previous floor and along the corridor to the other stairwell, seek refuge in another apartment or return to your own
- If your apartment door is hot or if smoke is seeping in, do not leave the apartment ~ plug openings around the door and cover the vents with wet towels or sheets
- Keep low to the floor ~ heat and toxic gases rise
- Wait in your unit (or on your balcony if necessary) for rescue or until the fire is out

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BE FIRE-SAFE IN THE KITCHEN:

Most fires start in kitchens, so please remember to ...

- Avoid wearing loose clothing with long sleeves when cooking
- Supervise stove-top cooking closely, and always keep the lid beside the pot
- Don't touch or move a burning pot ~ put on an oven mitt, slowly cover the pot with its lid, and turn off the stove
- Fire extinguishers do not replace the Fire Department ~ however, if you would feel safer having your own fire extinguisher:
 - Purchase a multi-purpose decent-sized one so that it doesn't run out before the fire is out, but make sure that it is not too heavy for you to lift;
 - Install it in plain view, near your exit route (not beside the stove!), where you can reach it without having to enter the fire area;
 - To use the extinguisher, remember the PASSword:
 - **Pull** (or twist) pin,
 - **Aim** hose,
 - **Squeeze** trigger,
 - **Sweeping** motion with hose at base of fire

IF YOUR CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE:

- **STOP** moving ~ movement will fan the flames
- **DROP*** to the floor or ground, and cover your face
- **ROLL*** over and over to smother the fire
- ***For mobility-impaired, remain upright & wrap area in cloth to smother fire**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ...

- Never disconnect the fire alarm speaker in your unit – you are endangering not only your own safety but also the safety of residents in every other unit in your line, from the ground floor to the penthouse floor.
 - Do not throw lit cigarettes or cigarette ashes from balconies.
 - Use good common sense in what you store in your locker – do not store toxic chemicals or flammable goods.
 - Without electricity, fire alarms will still work on their own back-up batteries; they are also attached to the building's back-up generator.
 - Fire alarm pull stations are located beside every “exit” door, i.e. beside doors in the garage and various doors on the main floor, in addition to those on every floor beside each stairwell door.
 - A list of residents who may require assistance in an emergency is available to the Fire Marshall as soon as the fire crew arrives on the scene; please co-operate when the Corporation asks for information to update this list.
- ❖ For further information, please refer to the Health & Safety Committee's section of the website at www.YCC323.com