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FIRE PREVENTION

On October 8, 1871 a small fire started in a big city. It spread quickly, as most fires do, and when it was over, 17,450 buildings were destroyed and 250 people were dead. This disaster was "The Great Chicago Fire". In remembrance of this tragic event, we observe the second week of October each year as "NATIONAL FIRE-PREVENTION WEEK".

Since no one is immune to the tragedy of fire, the responsibility for fire prevention must be shared by every one of us. Those of you who may have had first hand experience dealing with the terror, pain, destruction and loss caused by a fire certainly understand the need to prevent it. The rest of you can avoid this experience by investing just a little time and effort toward "FIRE PREVENTION" -- starting TODAY!

Most fires require three important elements to burn -- **FUEL, OXYGEN, AND HEAT**. If you can eliminate any one of these elements, you have prevented a fire. Since fuel is the easiest element to remove, concentrate on clean-up -- dispose of scrap before it accumulates, store flammable liquids properly, keep combustibles away from all heating devices or heat sources, shut engines off and allow hot parts to cool before refueling, keep storage and lunch trailers clean and do not dry gloves or clothing too close to heating units.

WARNING -- an electrical fuse or breaker is meant to be the weakest link in your wiring, so if they blow or trip, look for the problem, don't risk a fire by installing larger fuse sizes.

At work and at home -- fire extinguishers must be fully charged and inspected annually -- check your smoke detector batteries today and NEVER smoke in bed!