

# Room-by-Room

# Safety Tips

Your home is only as safe as you make it. The following tips and ideas provided by the safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories (UL) can help you and your family steer clear of trouble. Do a “walk-through” home safety inspection with your family and see if your home passes the test.

## Bedrooms

- **Install UL-listed smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms** outside every sleeping area and near fuel-burning appliances.
- Place **halogen torchiere lamps** in locations where they cannot be tipped over by children, pets or a strong draft from an open window. Do not allow curtains or other flammable materials to come in contact with torchiere lamps at any time.

## Bathroom

- Keep space heaters, radios and other **electrical products** away from bathtubs and sinks.
- Keep medications, cleaning products and other poisons away from children and pets.
- Make sure that you have **ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)** outlets installed in the bathroom as well as in the kitchen, laundry room and workshop.

## Kitchen

- Store all portable and small appliances and their cords out of the reach of small children and always **keep them a safe distance away from the sink**.
- Keep all portable and countertop appliances **unplugged** when not in use.
- **Never** use or attempt to repair a damaged appliance; always consult a qualified technician.
- Every home should have working, **UL-listed smoke alarms** and fully charged **UL-listed fire extinguishers** strategically placed in the kitchen, garage and workshop.

## Family/Living Room

- **Use outlet plug covers** to prevent children from inserting objects into outlets.
- **Never run an electrical cord** under a rug or carpet, or drape it over a hot surface such as a radiator or space heater.
- Make sure all portable lamps and fixtures are equipped with lightbulbs of **equal or lesser wattage** than that recommended by the lamp or fixture manufacturer.
- **Unplug all extension cords** when not in use and never use an extension cord that is cut or damaged.

