

Hoarding and Fire Safety



Know the fire-safety risks and how you can keep yourself and first responders safe.

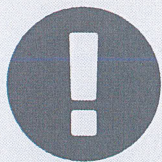
Risks:

- ▶ Personal items can crowd cooking equipment, making it unsafe to cook.
- ▶ Personal items can crowd heating equipment, putting you at risk of having a fire.



Difficulties for firefighters:

- ▶ Blocked windows and doors make it difficult for firefighters to get into your home to fight the fire and search for occupants.
- ▶ Piles of belongings make it difficult for firefighters to move through your home quickly.



Important:

- ▶ Always keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from cooking and heating equipment.
- ▶ Keep doorways and windows clear for escape in case there is a fire. This will also prevent injuries from falling over excessive personal items.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit
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