



In light of recent events, the Bayonne Fire Department would like you and your family to review the attached materials.

The fires of January 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia and the Bronx respectively, were tragic. Those involved have our heartfelt condolences. The horrific loss of life at both emergencies must serve as a reminder of the importance of fire safety where we live and work.

We cannot stress enough the need for frank and honest discussions amongst your family regarding fire prevention. The following “tip sheets” outline steps to take in various situations that may present a danger of fire to you or your loved ones. The key take-away of the associated documents are as follows:

- **HAVE A HOME FIRE PLAN**
- **CLOSE DOORS WHEN EVACUATING FROM A FIRE**
- **ENSURE YOU HAVE WORKING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN YOUR HOME**
- **SPACE HEATERS REQUIRE A SAFE OPERATING DISTANCE OF 3 FEET**
- **NEVER PLUG A SPACE HEATER INTO AN EXTENSION CORD OR POWER STRIP**
- **SECURE MATCHES AND LIGHTERS AWAY FROM CURIOUS, YOUNG CHILDREN**

The members of the Bayonne Fire Department and staff of the Bayonne Fire Prevention Bureau wish you and your family only the best in this New Year and want all to remain healthy and safe.

Respectfully,

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