



# COUNTY OF MONMOUTH OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

## April's Fire Safety Tips

The Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office and Board of Chosen Freeholders encourage you to:

### DON'T BE "APRIL FOOLED ABOUT FIRE SAFETY!!!"

With April Fool's Day just around the corner, The Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office says "Don't be fooled into thinking you are Fire Safe!!!" If you haven't done the following things lately you might be in danger of having a fire or Fire Alarm in your home or place of business.

1. Have you inspected or cleaned your chimney lately. It may need both after the heating season!!
2. Clean the lint from your clothes dryer!!! A professional should disassemble it once a year for a thorough cleaning including the vent pipe.
3. Have you updated and practiced your home Fire Escape plan? Does it include any changed in occupants like Senior Citizens, new babies, etc. ?
4. Have you checked and tested your Smoke and CO Alarms ?? If they are over 10 years old they should be replaced. Check with your local Fire Official if you're not sure how to check the age.
5. Check and review how to use your Fire Extinguishers !! Replace if old or Outdated !!
6. Get the gasoline safely out of the house and safely store away the Snow Blowers and watch where you store the lawn mowers.
7. If you have a Generator make sure it is running and everyone knows how to safely use and re - fuel it !!
8. Get rid of excess debris and keep stairs and hallways clear. Don't store combustibles near water heaters or furnaces. Also keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and clutter.

These are just a few things you can do to have a Fire safe Spring. Don't be "April Fooled" into thinking you're Fire Safe.

For more information please contact the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office at 732-683-8856 or your local Fire Prevention Bureau.