

My Pledge for Fire Safety

- I pledge to remove fire hazards from my home daily.
- I will not kill by smoking in bed or being careless when I do smoke.
- I will not clean clothes or start fires with gasoline or other flammable liquids.
- I will not throw away matches without first being sure they are out.
- I will check my heating appliances and chimneys at regular intervals.
- I will not place hot ashes and coals in anything but a metal container and will not leave these containers sitting on a wooden floor.
- I will protect all woodwork close to smoke pipes with asbestos and metal, leaving an air space of at least two inches between this protection and the pipe.
- I will not do electrical repairs unless I am a qualified electrician.
- I will not use pennies, hairpins, foil and such as electric fuses.

Canada's Disgrace

It is the world's most gruesome highway. For Canada, it is a national disgrace.

It is a highway 5,000 miles long, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

On both sides of the highway, on lots 100 feet apart, there are homes of Canada.

These are the homes which have been struck by fire.

At every mile of the highway, there is a cairn for the dead. More than 500,000 homes destroyed or damaged by fire! More than 5,000 victims of fire!

Since the birth of Canada? No. Only in the last ten years.

That is the tragic picture of Canadian carelessness with fire in the home and everywhere.

Tips on Fire Extinguishers

If you have a fire extinguisher in your home but don't know how to use it properly, you're living in a fool's paradise if you rely on it to do a job in emergency.

This is a straight-from-the-shoulder warning by one of the nation's senior fire prevention officers. Some tips:

Read the instructions on the housing of the extinguisher and bone up on them at intervals.

Know what the extinguisher is capable of doing. Some types are ineffective in certain situations. Know what these are.

Because extinguishers in general have a short operating time, there's no point in starting yours going when you're 50 feet away from the fire. By the time you close in on the blaze, its effect may be lost.

Be Careful With Blow Torch

Fire safety is no accident and this is particularly true for the "do-it-yourself" operator around the home. Here are practical hints from the experience of Canada's 57,000 fire fighters, pretty self-reliant fellows themselves in the family chores and crafts.

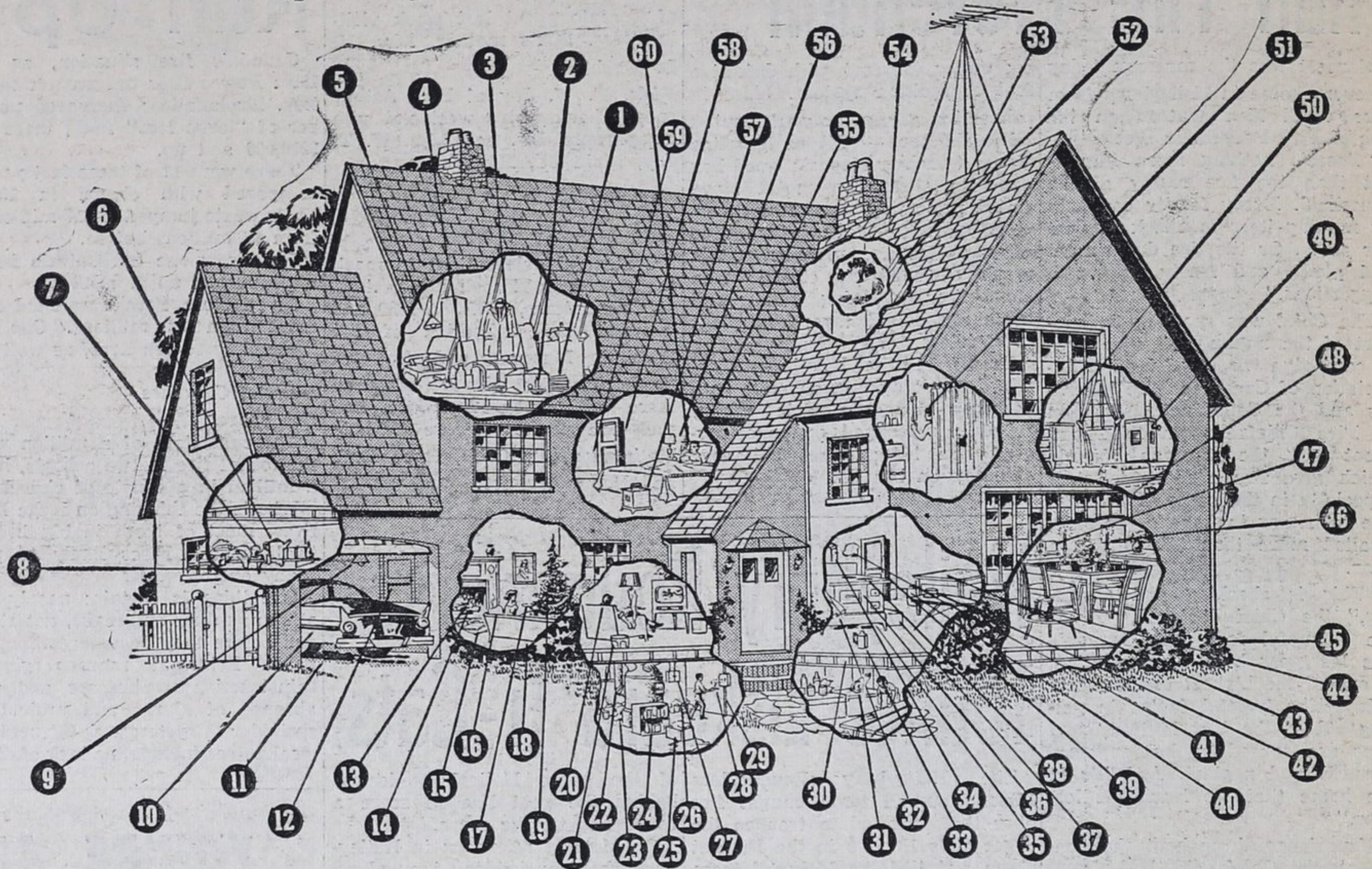
Blow torches and welding equipment. No other equipment has greater "built-in" hazards. Fuel and light out-of-doors. You're asking for trouble when you light a torch in a crowded space to thaw out frozen water pipes.

Gasoline and other fuels. Never store in glass bottles, which may fall and break, igniting or vaporizing and exploding.

Clean up shavings, sawdust and other debris after each day's work. A tidy work area will make the next go at the job a happier and a faster one.

SIXTY (60) FIRE TRAPS

How Many In Your Home?



ATTIC

- 1—Rubbish and litter.
- 2—Lighted matches, candles.
- 3—Matches in pockets of stored clothing.
- 4—Flammable liquids, especially in bottles.
- 5—Electric drop cord hung on nail.

GARAGE

- 6—Open gas container.
- 7—Oily rags, old papers, rubbish—spontaneous combustion danger.
- 8—No fire resistant insulation in partition walls, ceiling.
- 9—Loose light bulb, wiring.
- 10—Defective car fuel or ignition system.
- 11—Oil-filled floor.
- 12—No fire door into house (any door here likely contrary to municipal ordinance.)

LIVING ROOM

- 13—No fireplace screen.
- 14—Broken fireplace flue.
- 15—Curtains, papers near open fire.

- 16—Smouldering cigarette behind cushion.
- 17—Skimpy ash trays.
- 18—Worn electric wiring under carpet.
- 19—Tinder dry Xmas tree, bad wiring, broken bulbs. Tree should stand in water. No candles, please!
- 20—Careless smoking, anywhere, anytime. For example, the drowsy time of watching the late TV show.
- 21—Ash tray emptied into waste basket.

CELLAR

- 22—Soot-filled pipes. Acid from soot eats holes in the pipes. In a climate where homes need warmth at least eight months a year, any heating defect invites disaster.
- 23—Rubbish and litter, near furnace.
- 24—Flammable liquids, gasoline, etc., stored near heat.
- 25—Hot ashes.
- 26—Paint cloths, oil rags left carelessly.
- 27—30 amp. electric fuse. Use of anything but 15 amp. size for ordinary household wiring is like muzzling the watch dog. Pennies, hairpins, foil as fuses. Surefire!
- 28—Use of matches or open lights to check gas leaks.
- 29—Blow torches thawing out frozen pipes, especially in cramped location.
- 30—No fire stop between rafters at every level of the home).

- 31—Home workshop hazards: overloaded (oil-hungry) electric motors, wood shavings.

KITCHEN

- 32—Curtain, towel, laundry blowing against hot stove pipes.
- 33—Flammable cleaning fluids.
- 34—Unchecked stove draft.
- 35—Oil-soaked floor under stove or heater.
- 36—Hot stove grease (no rug, sand, even baking soda handy to smother flare-up).
- 37—Hot ashes in cardboard, woden box.
- 38—Dust, flour thrown into stove (or furnace). Explosion hazard.
- 39—Dirty mops, cleaning rags stored in closet.
- 40—Kerosene (coal oil used to quicken stubborn fire).
- 41—Peeling wallpaper near stove pipe. No pipe collar going through wall.
- 42—Forgotten hot iron.
- 43—Loose matches — invitation to playful young hands.
- 44—Unsnuffed match thrown into garbage pail.

FRONT YARD

- 45—Refuse, garbage, old leaves.

DINING ROOM

- 46—Lighted wax candles, especially at party time.
- 47—Bad wiring of toasters and appliances, underneath carpet.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

- 48—Frayed wiring of electric toys.
- 49—Oil control valve of space heater (deadly hazard for young hands anywhere).
- 50—Loose matches.

BATHROOM

- 51—Touching electrical switches while wet. For unconscious victims of shock call Fire Department for inhalator.

ROOF

- 52—Wood joists close to chimney. Sagging, they weaken bricks, break open flue lining.

- 53—Ungrounded TV aerial.

- 54—Sparks on roof.

BEDROOM

- 55—Smoking in bed.
- 56—"Octopus" electric plug connection underneath bed.
- 57—Portable oil space heater especially dangerous here. Bed-making, sheet-waving can cause draft, cause explosion.
- 58—Lighting matches to look in closet.
- 59—"Strike anywhere" matches.
- 60—In case you missed it — smoking in bed!

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Urges You to Check Your Home To Prevent Fires Before They Start.