

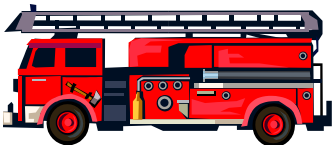


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## FIRE & LIFE SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ Develop and practice a family evacuation plan & always have two ways out
- ◆ Keep at least one (2-A:10-B:C) rated fire extinguisher in your home. Look for the rating on the U.L. label
- ◆ NEVER leave candles unattended or within reach of children
- ◆ KEEP curtains, furniture and storage away from heaters, candles or other sources of ignition (3 ft. minimum)
- ◆ Plug electric portable heaters directly into wall socket (DO NOT use an extension cord)
- ◆ Clean dryer lint screens after each use and lint hoses/behind the dryer once a month
- ◆ When cooking DO NOT leave food unattended on the stove
- ◆ When barbecuing with propane, DO NOT store or use propane inside buildings or on balconies
- ◆ Store gasoline and gas powered equipment outside the home; DO NOT use gas as a cleaner and NEVER use gas to start a fire

## SIGNS OF UNSAFE HOUSING

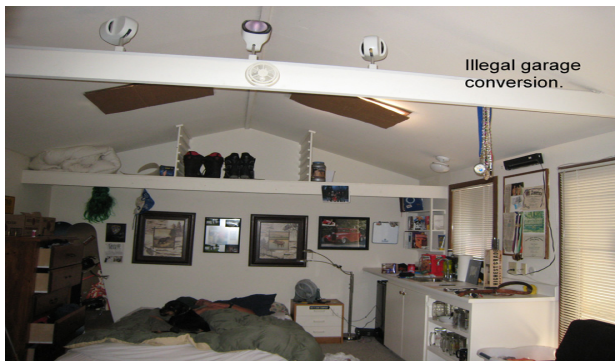
Living in garages, attics or closets is unsafe and NOT permitted in San Luis Obispo. DO NOT rent an unpermitted space. Check with the City Building Dept. for approved permits

### **How to Recognize Illegal Conversions:**

- ◆ Walls built within a garage
- ◆ Water heater located in sleeping or living area
- ◆ Undersized or no window provided in the room or space

### **Substandard Housing Conditions:**

- ◆ Lack of smoke detector in sleeping room
- ◆ Lack of hot water
- ◆ No heat provided
- ◆ Inadequate stairs to room or sleeping area
- ◆ Hazardous electrical conditions such as missing cover plates or exposed wiring
- ◆ No natural or mechanical ventilation for bathroom



## IT'S UP TO YOU TO PROTECT YOURSELF

### **Smoke Alarms:**

- ◆ Place one in each sleeping room and hallway serving sleeping rooms
- ◆ Ensure that your apartment or house has working smoke alarms
- ◆ Check the batteries regularly
- ◆ Don't cover smoke alarms with posters, window coverings or furniture

### **Fire Extinguishers:**

- ◆ Buy a fire extinguisher and learn how to use it
- ◆ Regularly check your fire extinguisher to make sure it is fully charged

### **It's The Law:**

- ◆ Converting garages, attic crawl spaces, or partitioning, altering, or converting any structure to habitable space requires building permits and inspections
- ◆ Landlords & Property Managers should routinely inspect homes to insure unlawful conditions do not exist on their property. In the City of San Luis Obispo all parties associated with property violations are subject to administrative citation fines. In the State of California the owner/corporation is ultimately responsible