FIRE SAFETY FOR INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AND BACKYARD DWELLINGS



HOW YOU CAN HELP TO PREVENT FIRES



Keep a bucket with water handy to extinguish small fires when they start.

Always have a bucket of

sand nearby when using a paraffin appliance. Water will

not put out a paraffin fire and

can make matters worse by spreading the flames.

Paraffin fires can only be

extinguished using

sand or a fire

extinguisher

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Take special

care when using

gas appliances to cook

food. The cylinders must

be in a good condition

and tested regularly for

any leaks that might

cause a fire or an

explosion



Ensure that there is enough ventilation when cooking food on open flames inside your dwelling.



Never lock your door from the inside using a padlock; instead use a shooter for easy unlocking should a fire occur.



Make sure that all stoves are on a stable surface to prevent them from falling over



Build dwellings at least 3 m apart to prevent fires from spreading rapidly. The open space around the home must also be kept clear.



Never leave a brazing or coal fire overnight inside the house, as this could cause breathing difficulties.



Do not prevent or disrupt emergency personnel when they attend to incidents. as they are there to save lives and prevent the destruction of property.



Make sure all candles are placed in a safe candleholder, away from burning material. Cut long candles in half to prevent it falling over.



All open fires must be extinguished before you leave the area or go to sleep.



Keep roads and the access to dwellings clear at all times so that emergency vehicles can move around easily.



Discard cigarettes in a safe container and ensure they are completely put out.



Be aware of the dangers of illegal and faulty electrical connections. Any electrical connection must be installed by an accredited electrician

CALL 112 FROM YOUR CELL IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY **#BESAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON**

