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- Make sure you can open windows easily, especially in freezing weather, or have something available such as a chair or other heavy object to smash them out.
  - Have regular fire drills for all occupants.

## **BE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT TO DO.**

### **Fire Extinguishers**

Home-type fire-fighting tools are very effective against small fires. Brooms, or mops soaked in water, blankets, rugs, buckets and garden hoses are good examples. A threaded hose connection on each floor of the house (in bathroom, kitchen and basement) and a good length of garden hose properly coiled is good fire protection.

There are numerous fire extinguishers on the market suitable for home use. Make sure that it is a type listed and labeled by a nationally recognized fire testing laboratory, such as the Underwriters' Laboratories. Otherwise you cannot be sure of its reliability.

Home fire-fighting equipment will not be of any help unless you know how to use it. You will not have time to learn how after a fire breaks out. Read the instructions on the

fire extinguisher NOW and be sure that everyone in the house knows how to use it and the other equipment as well.

The equipment is of no use unless it is in good working order. Check with the dealer or your local fire chief regarding maintenance of your type of extinguisher.

### **DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE**

unless it is to save another life. The house can always be rebuilt, and unless it is a small fire, you probably cannot extinguish it by yourself anyway.

### **Instruct your Babysitter**

During your absence the babysitter is responsible for the safety of your children and your property. Impress upon him/her that in the event of fire, the first and most important thing to do is to **GET THE CHILDREN OUT QUICKLY AND STAY WITH THEM.** Tell him/her to wrap them in blankets, not take time to dress them. The following rules will assist you in advising your sitter:

- Show him/her through your house so that she will be familiar with each part of it.
- Be sure he/she knows the quickest way out for the children if it is necessary to get them out in an emergency.