

FIRE PREVENTION RULES.**A Series of Suggestions for Housekeepers and Workmen Issued in New York by Committee of Safety.**

The Committee on Safety of the City of New York, a voluntary association, has just issued a leaflet containing safety codes for the home and for factories and work-rooms. The committee calls attention to the fact that fire destroys one human life and \$37,000 worth of property a day in New York city, and it is pointed out that experts testified before the New York State Factory Investigation Commission, in September, 1912, that about 65 per cent. of fires in the city were of the easily preventable type.

DON'T'S FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.

Here are the suggestions addressed to housekeepers in the "Safety Code for the Home."

- Blow out matches before throwing them away.
- Keep rubbish cleared out.
- Keep fire-escapes free from every obstruction.
- Do not use benzine, naphtha, gasoline, or any inflammable fluids in the house.
- Guard gas jets from contact with window curtains.
- Do not leave lamps turned low. It may cause an explosion.
- Do not put oil in a lamp while it is lighted. Fill and clean lamps only in daytime.

DON'T'S FOR FACTORIES.

The safety code for factories and work-rooms is as follows:

- (1) Forbid smoking in the workrooms.
- (2) Blow out matches before throwing them away.
- (3) Clear out rubbish and clippings every day from workrooms, hallways, and basements. Metal cans or metal-lined boxes are required by law to hold such rubbish during working hours.
- (4) Do not keep benzine, naphtha, gasoline, alcohol, turpentine, paint, or varnish, except in safety cans, as required by law.
- (5) Get a license from the Fire Department before storing these inflammable fluids on your premises.
- (6) Keep gas jets guarded by wire cage, so that materials may not touch the flame.
- (7) Keep motors and gas engines boxed and enclosed in fire-proof partitions.

Here are still further suggestions designed to save human life and to protect property and stock in case of fire:

No building is safe unless every occupant can get out within three minutes. Your fire drills now will save time and panic if danger comes.

- (1) Organize a fire drill among the workmen and women.
- To new workmen and women: Find out where the stairs and fire escapes are in this building.
- (2) Keep all fire appliances—fire buckets, extinguishers, axes, etc.—in good order and always in their places.
- (3) Keep passages clear to all exits, doors, stairs, and fire escapes. Keep all doors leading to exits unlocked.
- (4) Keep halls and stairways lighted while workers are in the building. Have signs showing the way to stairs and exits.
- (5) Keep fire escapes free from every obstruction.
- (6) Do not allow machinery or merchandise to block the aisles.

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