

## **AIR CONDITIONER FIRE SAFETY**

Air conditioners cause an average of 20 deaths, 140 injuries, and \$82 million in property damage in the U.S. annually according to a recent report by the National Fire Protection Association. There are also thousands of injuries from electrocution, back injuries, lacerations, abrasions, and sprains. In order to be safe as well as cool, please check out these important Air Conditioning Safety Tips and always remember to call 911 in any emergency situation:



- Change your air filter to keep it clean and reduce strain on the unit.
- Ensure an adequate and safe power supply to your unit.
- Avoid using an extension cord, which can become overheated and cause a fire hazard.
- Make sure the space around your HVAC unit is clear of any flammable and combustible items.
- Have your HVAC system inspected by a professional.
- Make sure your window unit is properly anchored to your window so that if a fire starts, the seal between the bracket and opening prevents flames from coming into your home.
- Check your fan and cooling unit to make sure cords and plugs are in good condition.
- All HVAC work should be done by a trained professional

