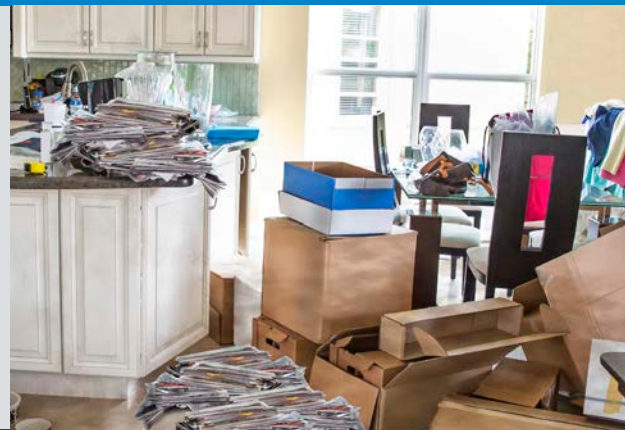


# Hoarding and Fire Safety



Know the fire-safety risks and how you can keep yourself and first responders safe.

## Risks:

- Personal items can crowd cooking equipment, making it unsafe to cook.
- Personal items can crowd heating equipment, putting you at risk of having a fire.



## Difficulties for firefighters:

- Blocked windows and doors make it difficult for firefighters to get into your home to fight the fire and search for occupants.
- Piles of belongings make it difficult for firefighters to move through your home quickly.



## Important:

- Always keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from cooking and heating equipment.
- Keep doorways and windows clear for escape in case there is a fire. This will also prevent injuries from falling over excessive personal items.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit  
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