

Elizabeth Heights Homeowner's Association

Brighton Pt. Sandy Springs, GA 30328 (City Council District 2)
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LIFE and FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE **PLEASE READ, PRINT AND SAVE THIS DOCUMENT!**

Sunday, February 14th, 2010

Dear Homeowners,

We had an unfortunate event this date that could have turned out a lot worse –
A homeowner was subject to a fire in their home.

It was very fortunate that:

- The fire was noticed early by the homeowner, and 911 was called immediately.
- The fire was extinguished very quickly by the Sandy Springs Fire Department.
- Fortunately, no one was injured, and the fire damage is minimal.

With regard to personal safety, and the safety of those who share your building, the Board of Directors and Property Management wish to remind everyone who resides here some very important responsibilities that we, the Homeowners must pay very close attention to all of the following: (Please take everything mentioned very seriously):

Home Fire Prevention:

- Ensure that your **Clothes Dryer Vents** are professionally cleaned out at least every other year.
- Ensure that you clean out your **Clothes Dryer Filter** after every use.
- DO NOT run your Clothes Dryer when you are not home.
- ALWAYS unplug any appliances with a “heating element” when not in use (examples: Toasters, Space Heaters, Coffee Makers, Clothes Irons, Curling Irons, Hair Dryers, etc.)
- If you burn CANDLES– make sure they are fully extinguished before going to sleep and NEVER LEFT UNATTENDED.
- DO NOT overload electrical outlets. This includes overloading any “Power Strips”.
- If you are away from your home for an extended period of time, it is very wise to unplug electrical components such as your Home Entertainment System, Stereo Systems, etc.

Smoke Detectors:

*****80% of Fire Deaths occur in homes without operational Smoke Detectors**

- Install at least One (1) Smoke Detector on every floor of your home, and centrally located in the hallway. Do not install directly over the oven/stove.
- REMEMBER: Change the batteries every time you change your clock for Daylight Savings (every 6 months). This way they always have working batteries in them.
- Test the Smoke Detector once a month. If it doesn't work and you know it has a good battery, dispose of the detector and get a new one. The average smoke detector is usually good for about 5 to 6 years before they go bad.

Calling 911 From Your Cell Phone:

- When calling 911 from your cell phone, the VERY FIRST THING you MUST tell the 911 Operator is that you live in the **City of Sandy Springs**. We live in an area that, sometimes, when 911 calls are from cell phones, the signal may connect you to Dispatch Centers in other Counties (Cobb, Dekalb, Gwinnett, City of Atlanta, etc.)
If this happens, and you first mention that you live in the City of Sandy Springs, they will immediately re-connect you with the correct 911 Operator.
- **Important** – After giving the correct 911 Operator your address, mention the **Elizabeth Heights Condominiums**. Most of the time, Police, Fire and EMS recognize the Community Name quicker than just the address.
- **By doing so, you will save minutes on the Response Time of Police, Fire, and EMS!**

When it comes to both Life Safety and Fire Safety, it is all of our responsibility to abide by the aforementioned information, and this information should not be taken for granted.

Let's Be "Proactive" not Reactive. Practice these responsibilities, *it can save a life!*

Landlords, PLEASE ensure that your renters are adhering to these responsibilities.

Sincerely, the EH Board of Directors,

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