

## “CHANUKAH FIRE SAFETY”

When celebrating Chanukah Fair Lawn’s Fire Marshal reminds residents not to neglect fire safety. There are increased fire hazards associated with this festival due to the presence of lit candles and following is some simple, yet important advice to prevent a tragedy.

- Place the menorah on a level, fire-retardant surface.
- Menorah should be out of reach from children and pets.
- Never place a menorah near curtains, drapes, or under a combustible cabinet.
- A lit menorah should never be left unattended.
- The aforementioned also applies to Shabbos and Yahrzeit candles.
- Electric menorahs should not be used if wiring insulation is frayed or broken.
- When cooking latkes, don’t leave heated oil unattended.
- Keep children at a safe distance in case of splattered hot oil.
- If cooking oil catches fire, turn off the gas or electric range and cover the pan with its lid, if at no risk to yourself. Never throw water or a wet towel on an oil fire, as that will cause the hot oil to splatter on you or ignite something nearby.

Call Fire Marshal Jay Bender 201-794-5408 [FireMarshal@FairLawn.org](mailto:FireMarshal@FairLawn.org) for further information on Chanukah and fire safety. *Chag S’Meyach!*