

Hartsdale Fire District

Summer 2005

Newsletter

33rd Annual Baby Sitters Course

We are proud to announce the 33rd anniversary of our *Baby Sitters Course*. The Hartsdale Fire District is again offering the annual *Baby Sitters Course* to anyone twelve years of age or older who has not taken this course before.

This valuable course is offered every year as a service to our residents and neighbors. It provides good basic training for our students to be qualified babysitters.

As a babysitter, you are responsible for the care and safety of our youth. Regardless of your age, you are performing a valuable and needed service for which you can be justly proud. We want you and the children for whom you are caring to feel secure while you are babysitting.

The course will be given at the Hartsdale Fire Station No. 1 at 25 South Central Avenue, Hartsdale, N.Y., from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for five weeks starting on:

Tuesday September 13, 2005.

The instructors for the *Baby Sitters Course* include a Doctor of Emergency Pediatrics, a Neo-Natal Nurse, a Police Department Public Safety Officer, a Director of a local preschool center, a Paramedic, and Fire Department Training Instructors.

Classroom lecture is combined with instructor demonstrations and videotapes. Students also participate in hands-on classes such as First Aid, Rescue Breathing, Infant Care, Fire Extinguishers and much more.

All students receive a *Baby Sitter Course* handbook and supplemental literature.

Early registration is necessary. The class is limited to 35 students with Hartsdale residents receiving priority. Those accepted into the class are notified by mail. For more information, please contact the Hartsdale Fire District at 949-2325 or stop in at Station No.2 at 300 West Hartsdale Avenue.

At the completion of this course, a listing of *Baby Sitter Course* Graduates, who grant us permission to use their name, will be made available to the public by the Hartsdale Fire District. This is done as a public service to those who are seeking the services of qualified, responsible baby sitters.

REGISTRATION FORM - HARTSDALE BABY SITTERS COURSE 2005

This registration form is to be completed and returned to:

**HARTSDALE FIRE DISTRICT
300 WEST HARTSDALE AVENUE
HARTSDALE, NY 10530
914-949-2325**

Parent or Guardian's signature is required if applicant is under 18 years of age.

Name of Student _____ Age _____
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

School/Occupation _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____ Tel. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Signature _____

**Fire Prevention Week
October 9-15, 2005**

TEACH SOMEONE YOU LOVE FIRE PREVENTION

This year's fire prevention theme is:

“Use Candles With Care, When You Go Out, Blow Out!”

Candles may be beautiful, but too often they are the cause of deadly home fires. In 2001 alone, candles started an estimated 18,000 home fires and caused 190 deaths. What's more, young school-age children are the most likely to be the victims of fires started by candles.

Remember, a candle is an open flame, meaning that it can easily ignite any combustible material nearby. And because candle fires spread so quickly, it's essential



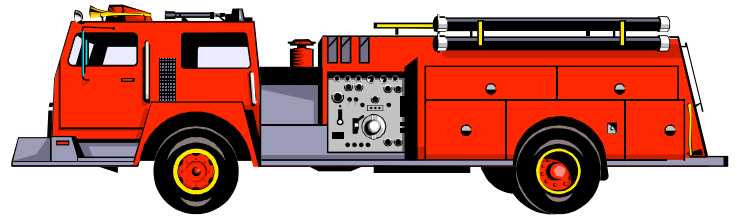
that you have working [smoke alarms](#) in your residence and a [home fire escape plan](#) ready to go. Follow these tips to help you use candles safely.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing or any other material that can catch fire.
- Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface—away from edges and any place where they could be knocked over by kids or pets.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder or any decorative material.
- Avoid using candles during a power outage. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting on hand for emergency lighting.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle.
- Don't allow kids or teens to burn candles in their bedrooms or play with candles.
- Store matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

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Open House At Fire Headquarters

The Hartsdale Fire District will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 9, 2005 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Hartsdale Fire Station No. 2, located at 300 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, NY.



Fire safety literature will be available and fire department personnel will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding fire safety in your home. Please stop by with your family and friends. Our fire trucks will also be available for viewing. Hope to see you there!

Hydrant Testing

The Hartsdale Fire District will be conducting the annual flow testing of the district's fire hydrants beginning September 12, 2005. The testing may discolor your water for a brief period of time, but the



water is still potable. If you find your water has become discolored from our testing, let the cold water run slowly until it clears.

Local radio station WFAS, as a public service, will broadcast a reminder on the days of the hydrant testing including the areas being affected. The testing period will be from 10 A.M. to 1P.M. Monday-Friday and will last approximately two weeks.

Did You Know?

Cigarettes are the leading cause of fatal fires in the United States. Smoking materials lead to one out of four fire deaths, more than any other cause of fire.

**To report a fire or emergency call
949-2324 or 911**

**For all other business please call
949-2325**

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