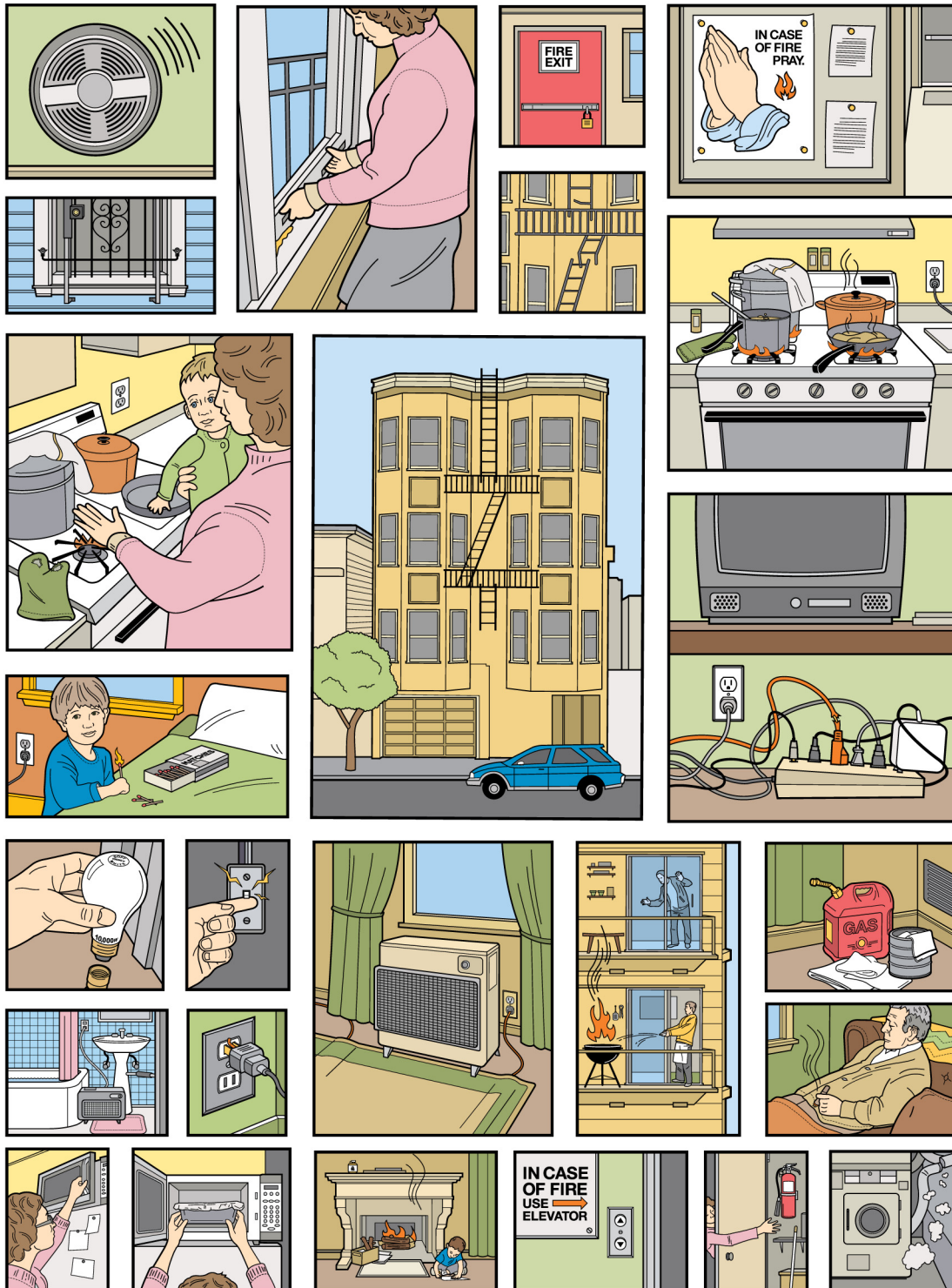


DON'T LIVE IN A FIRE TRAP!

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THERE ARE MORE THAN 400,000 residential fires annually in the United States, and someone dies in one of these fires every 134 minutes. More than 14,000 are injured annually. Americans over the age of 65 have a fire death rate nearly twice the national average, and for people over 75, this jumps

to three times. Most of these fires could be prevented, but too many of us live in an unsafe home, and we have some unsafe habits. See how many of the 32 fire hazards you can spot and check off in this illustration.



- Child playing with matches
- Three pronged plug, two slot outlet
- Worn-out oven mitt
- Frayed electric cord
- Flaming barbecue under eave
- Unattended stove
- Gas can stored with rags
- Dangling escape ladder
- Pot handles sticking out
- Microwave installed too high
- Smoke alarm with weak battery
- Bulb too large for socket
- Aluminum foil in microwave
- Wrong sign near elevator
- Overstuffed outlet
- Window stuck
- Defective light switch
- Floor heater near curtains
- Unsafe fireplace
- Floor heater near bathtub
- Ground-floor window with bars
- Lint into room from clothes dryer
- Squirting starter fluid on flames
- Inadequate escape plan
- TV jammed against the wall
- Unreachable fire extinguisher
- Towels, pot holder on stove
- Cords running under rugs
- Fire escape door locked
- Sleepy grandpa with cigar
- Fire escape needing repairs
- Water boiling on front burner