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The West Hartford Fire Department is committed to fire prevention and community safety. Reaching out to the people we serve is important because the information we offer may result in a fire being prevented or life being saved.

In an effort to protect ourselves and others from contracting the corona virus, the West Hartford Fire Department wants to share with you the three W's that can help you remember the precautions to take to be safe and keep healthy.

First, **WASH YOUR HANDS**. Wet, lather, scrub, and rinse with clean water for about 20 seconds (about the length of the Happy Birthday song) before completely drying your hands.

Second, **WATCH YOUR DISTANCE**. Social distancing is just keeping at least 6 feet away from others not in your household, both indoors and out. It's important because you'll be out of reach of oral and nasal droplets that could contain the virus.

Third, **WEAR YOUR MASK**. Make sure it fits properly. It should be snug against your face, over your nose and mouth, and secured under your chin. Wear it in public places when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it's tough to stay 6 feet apart.

These measures may seem simple, but they're so important in our collaborative effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The West Hartford Fire Department wants you to be safe and healthy, and we thank you for joining us in taking these protective actions.

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