

Fire Safety

Fire Escape Planning

1. Does our family have a fire escape plan?
2. Does everyone know two ways out of all areas?
3. Does your family have a meeting place?
4. Is the plan practiced regularly?

Smoke Alarms

1. Does your home have at least one smoke alarm on every level?
2. Are the smoke alarms tested regularly?

Electrical

1. Are extension cords being used 'only' as a temporary measure?
2. Are only 15 amp fuses or circuit breakers used on all lighting and small appliance circuits?
3. Do you have protective covers on all receptacle boxes?

Housekeeping

1. Do you keep your basement storeroom, garage and yard clear of rubbish and combustible waste?
2. Is all necessary storage kept away from sources of heat such as the furnace, water heater, radiators, and etcetera?
3. Is your house number clearly visible from the street?

Fuel Safety

1. Are all flammable liquids, solvents and adhesives stored in approved containers?
2. Are the above items stored and used in well ventilated areas away from children, sparks or heat?
3. Do you store all gasoline and your propane tank outside of the house?

Fire Extinguishers

1. Do you have an adequate multi-purpose fire extinguisher available?
2. Do you know how to use it?

Heating Safety

1. Do you have your furnace, fireplace, wood stove and chimney cleaned or checked by a qualified person before each heating season?
2. If your home contains a natural gas, propane, oil, wood or other fossil fuel burning appliance, or have an attached garage, do you have a carbon monoxide alarm?
3. Is your fire place equipped with a close-fitting screen or heat-tempered glass doors?
4. Are ashes for disposal kept in metal containers?

Family Safety

1. Are matches and lighters kept out of sight and out of reach of small children?
2. Do you keep a proper fitting lid close at hand when cooking? (If a grease fire starts, carefully cover pan with the lid to smother flames.)
3. Is your stove kept clean and free of grease?
4. Do you turn pot handles inward when cooking, away from small hands?
5. When cooking, do you avoid wearing loose fitting clothing?

If in spite of everything, you have a fire, remember these important points:

- Alert everyone in the house/apartment and follow your escape plan
- Call the Fire Department – 911 – as soon as possible from a safe location.

If you need assistance in preparing a fire escape plan, location of smoke alarms or if you have any questions concerning fire safety contact the Public Education Division –

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