



Home Fire Safety Basics

Prevention Tips

- Install smoke alarm outside of each sleeping area and on each level of your home. Install smoke alarm *inside* of sleeping area if sleeping with the door closed.
- Test smoke alarms one a month by pressing test button and replace all smoke alarm batteries at least once a year.
- Consider installing escape ladders for upstairs rooms and learn how to use.
- Have fire extinguishers and know how to use them.
- Have two escape routes for every room in your home and practice using your escape plan.
- Decide on a meeting location for your family after escaping from a fire.
- Do Not overload electrical outlets.
- Never leave grease cooking unattended.

If a Fire Occurs

- If there is smoke or fire in one escape route use another route and if there is smoke, remember to stay low and crawl under the smoke.
- Before escaping by opening a closed door, check to see if the door feels warm before opening it. Use another escape route if door feels warm-Do Not open door.
- If your escape route is blocked by smoke or fire-stay in the room and keep doors closed. Keep smoke out by placing rugs, blankets or pillows along bottom of doors.
- If there is a phone in the room CALL 911 and tell them where you are.
- Try to signal out a window for help using a flashlight or sheet.

