

FIRE PREVENTION FOR HOMES

A. Fire prevention

- Smoke detectors: Combination photo and ionization detection type are best.
- Home Fire Escape Plan: Make a fire escape plan and practice the plan.
- How to practice the plan: Get your family together and explain what they need to do in case the smoke detector goes off.
 - Activate the smoke detector.
 - Your on your bed. Close your eyes when the detector goes off and roll out of bed and crawl to the door, trying to hold your breath. At the door feel the door with the back of your hand starting from the bottom toward the top.
 - If it is cold open the door slowly and then open your eyes. This will tell you how familiar you are with your home.
 - Proceed to your designated evacuation point (example the front driveway).
 - Make sure everyone is accounted for before calling 911
 - Do this drill again with your kids.
 - When they feel the door tell them it is warm or hot and not to open it.
 - Remember a hollow core door will take about 20 min to burn through.
 - They would next place a sheet under the door to keep the smoke out.
 - Than they would proceed to there second exit the window.
 - If they are big enough tell them to open the window. (note this is a practice so they don't have to push the screen out, just tell them if this was real to push the screen out.)
 - To climb out a window, sit on the sill and hold on to the window with your hand and turn and hang by your hands than to just let go. This places them closer to the ground and that's less chance of getting hurt.
 - On a second floor you need a ladder to climb down
 - If your child is too small to open up the window, or you can't open it get down along side the window. (not under it) a firefighter or someone else will get them
 - The above is for a fire in your home.

B If you live in a apartment complex Get together with all your neighbors and practice a building evacuation drill.

- Everyone stay in there rooms, have one person with a watch start the drill, then all occupants will safely walk out to the designated evacuation area. Then you can tell about how long it would take to clear the building and discover any problems. Don't forget if you have time to shut down any appliances
- Make yourself a disaster evacuation kit to include spare clothing, shoes medicine, glasses, money, etc and bring your important papers and pictures with you. And place the kit under your bed.

Fire safety tips

- Smoke detectors at least one for each floor {2 types ionization and photoelectric types} or the combination which combines both types. The photoelectric activates faster than the ionization type.
- Have a Carbon monoxide also installed
- Check and clean at least once a month
- Replace batteries once a year
- Remember to clean up after anyone that smoked in your home. Put ashtray in sink and fill with water before going to bed.
- Make sure all appliances are in good working order.
- Don't use small gauge extension cords or place any cord where they could be stepped on. Use fusible strips instead in place of extension cords.
- Never use cube taps to plug any electrical unit in.
- If you use a extension cord make sure the cord is as thick as the cord you plugging into
- Practice **STOP DROP AND ROLL** in case you are on fire, never run.
- Buy a small fire extinguisher and hang it by a exit door.
- Only use a fire extinguisher on a fire that is not any larger than a small desk top
- If the fire doesn't go out within 30 sec. leave
- When you use a fire extinguisher always keep the exit to your back. Never let the fire get between you and your exit.
- Try to hold your breath when using a extinguisher.
- Remember there are two ways out of your home. Two ways out bedrooms, living rooms, and kitchens. Always look for another exit when you go to restaurant store, etc.
- Stove fires, you can put a lid on the pot and tun off the burner if it safe
- Don't forget to always call 911 after you evacuate and before attempting to put the fire out.
- Even if you get the fire out have the fire units continue to check for any extension of the fire.
- Keep all flammable liquids in a metal shed away from the house.
- Keep a garden hose connected to your outside water faucet

Location of pull boxes and fire extinguishers in a apartment

- Find your local pull box and be familiar on how to use it. know were the pull boxes are in the common area's.
- Also the location of fire extinguishers