



Home Fire Protection

Knowing how to prevent a home fire and how to escape a fire is critical to your and your family's safety. Being well prepared will greatly increase your chance of survival in these situations. The following tips will help you learn how to keep yourself and your family safe from a house fire.

How to Prevent Fires

- Install smoke alarms in every room. Check every month and change batteries once a year.
- Keep at least one fire extinguisher on each floor of your home.
- Make sure you know how to properly use and clean your home's heating appliances, whether it be electric or gas heaters or a fire place.
- Never leave a cigarette unattended.
- Wear short sleeves when cooking. If a grease fire starts, smother the flames with a pot/pan lid.

How to Escape Fires

- Create an evacuation plan that your entire family understands. Have your family practice this plan together.
- Your evacuation plan should include two ways to get out of each room, and a meeting place that is a safe distance outside the home.
- Teach your family to stay low to the ground (where there is less smoke in the air) when escaping a fire.
- Dial 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.

Resources

[Fire Safety Tips](#)

[Preventing and Escaping Home Fires](#)

[NFPA Fire Escape Planning](#)



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