

Preventing and Surviving a Fire



Fire Safety Tips
1. Install smoke detectors
2. Know two ways out
3. Crawl low in smoke
4. Make an escape plan
5. Practice your escape plan
6. Don't go back in - No matter what
7. Choose a meeting place
8. Test every door for heat
9. At work or home, plan to escape
10. Dial 9-1-1 for Emergency Assistance

Remember if a fire starts to leave your house first, and then call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's home. Many people who die in fires die from smoke inhalation rather than the flames.

Purchase escape ladders for upper floor windows and have your family practice using them.

Keep your stove area clean and clear of combustible items such as boxes and paper. If a fire starts put a lid over the burning pan and use the fire extinguisher.

Remember to never pour water on grease fires!

Do not overload outlets or extension cords, and keep your electrical wiring in good condition.

What to do during a fire:

Get out as quickly as possible.

Stay low to the ground and cover your mouth with a cloth to avoid inhaling smoke.

If a door feels hot, keep it closed. If there is no smoke coming from the top or bottom of the door and it isn't hot, then slowly open the door.