

Preventing Chimney Fires

Here are some helpful tips to ensure your home heating equipment is safe.

In this pamphlet you will find important information to keep you and your family safe.

- How to use fire extinguishers safely.
 - How to check your smoke alarms, and where they should be located.
 - How to create a Home Fire Escape Plan and why these are important.
 - How to prevent chimney fires.
 - Know when to go! Develop and practice an escape plan so that everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Call 9-1-1 if a chimney fire occurs.
 - Have your home heating equipment and chimney inspected by a professional every year.
 - Clean your chimney regularly to prevent chimney fires.
 - Burn dry firewood,
 - Clean out ashes regularly.
 - Ensure chimney flue and damper are open.
 - Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
 - Ensure you have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



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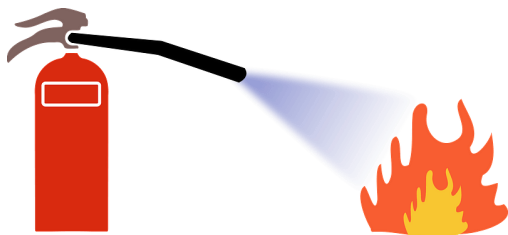
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Fire Safety Begins at Home



IS YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE?

Follow these tips to ensure you and your family are safe.

Fire Extinguisher

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads rapidly, the number one priority for your household is to get out safely.



Safety Tips:

- Call 9-1-1 if a fire occurs.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area and not growing, everyone has exited the building, the fire department has been called and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher remember the word **PASS**: **P**ull the pin. **A**im low. **S**queeze the lever. **S**weep the nozzle from side to side.
- Select a multi-purpose extinguisher that is large enough for a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Follow these important smoke alarm safety measures.

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test monthly, replace batteries once a year, check for alarm expiry.
- It is important to have smoke alarms on each level of your home and outside of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- Interconnect your smoke alarms so that a fire detected in one will sound an alarm in every location. Interconnecting alarms allows for early warning of fires that are in other parts of the home.
- Develop and practice an escape plan so that everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.



Home Fire Escape Checklist

To begin developing a Home Fire Escape Plan with all members of your family, draw a map of your home. Then use this checklist to make sure your escape plan includes all the elements needed to ensure your household's safety.

- ☐ I have made a map of our home indicating all windows and doors that can be used to get outside if the smoke alarm sounds.
- ☐ All members of my household have walked through the home with me to identify two ways out of each room.
- ☐ The home fire escape plan includes two ways out of every room in the home.
- ☐ All ways out of each room and the home are clear, free of clutter and can be opened easily.
- ☐ Security bars on doors and windows have a quick-release device so they can be used to get outside in case of a fire.
- ☐ There is a meeting place outside in front of our home where everyone knows to meet upon exiting.
- ☐ Our house number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Our plan includes 9-1-1 to be contacted immediately upon leaving the home.
- ☐ There are working smoke alarms in all required location throughout the home.
- ☐ We know what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when we hear it.
- ☐ We have practiced our home fire escape drill.
- ☐ Everyone in our home knows how to get low and go under smoke.
- ☐ We all know if the smoke alarm sounds, get outside of the home and stay outside, and understand that we should alert 9-1-1 to any people or pets inside.