

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

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SMOKE ALARMS

- **Have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home and outside bedrooms.**
- **Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries at least once every year.**
- **Consider buying a lithium battery powered smoke alarm, which may last up to ten years with no battery change.**
- **Install smoke alarms away from air vents.**
- **Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or wall, at least 4 inches from corners.**
- **When affixed to walls, smoke alarms should be between 4 and 12 inches from the ceiling.**
- **Never disable or remove smoke alarm batteries.**

ESCAPE PLANNING

- **Develop a fire escape plan with your household and practice often.**
- **Know two ways to exit from every room in your home.**
- **Make sure safety bars on windows can be opened from inside your home.**
- **Crawl low, under smoke.**
- **Feel closed doors. If hot, use another exit.**
- **Identify a place to meet household members outside. Never re-enter a burning building.**
- **Escape first and then call for emergency assistance.**

FIRE SAFETY WALK THROUGH

- **Keep clothes, blankets, curtains and other combustibles at least three feet from space heaters.**
- **Place space heaters where they will not tip over easily.**
- **Have chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a professional.**
- **Clear the area around the hearth of debris, flammables and decorative materials.**
- **Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces and leave glass doors open while burning a fire.**
- **Keep clothes, towels and other combustibles away from stove burners.**
- **Never leave cooking unattended.**
- **Be sure your stove and small appliances are off before going to bed.**
- **Check for frayed wires and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.**
- **Never overload electrical sockets.**
- **Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.**
- **Never leave cigarettes unattended.**
- **Never smoke in bed.**

Thank you for helping the U.S. Fire Administration to work for a fire safe America and protect the heroes that protect our lives. For more fire safety tips and information please explore our website: www.usfa.fema.gov

