



Fire safety at home

What kids should know

- Never play with matches, lighters, candles or fireworks.
- Leave the house if you hear an alarm, see flames or smell smoke.
- Always feel doors before opening them. If hot, find a new way out.
- Never go back into a burning building.
- Never stop for toys or pets.
- Get low and go! Smoke rises, so stay low to beat the heat.
- If you can't get out, cover vents and cracks around the door to keep smoke out. Stand by window and signal for help.

Smoke alarms

Install a smoke alarm on every floor of your home, including outside of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and replaced every 10 years. Replace batteries once a year, or consider installing alarms with 10-year batteries.

In the kitchen

Keep young children away from the stove area, fireplaces and other heat sources. Never leave the kitchen unattended while cooking, and keep flammable objects away from the stovetop.

In an apartment

Know your building's escape exits and use stairs to get out. Pull the nearest fire alarm as you leave.

Get out and stay out

Practice makes perfect when it comes to your family's escape plan. Make sure you have at least two ways out from every room, and choose a place to meet that is a safe distance away from your home. Once you're outside, call 911.

Fires can start and spread quickly, so it is important to know what to do when it comes to staying safe at home. Just a little bit of planning can make a big difference for your family.

Fire facts

- Every hour, approximately 16 children are injured from fires or burns.
- 85 percent of all fire-related deaths are due to home fires.
- Fires can spread rapidly and leave families as little as two minutes to escape.
- Smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent.

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