

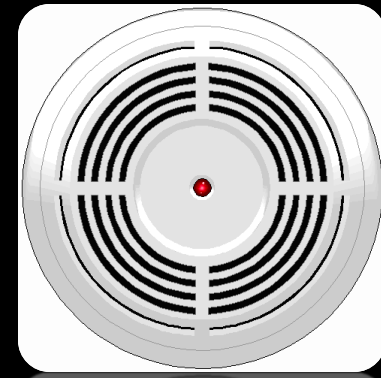
Dangers of Fire

- Asphyxiation
- Heat
- Smoke



Developing a Family Fire Plan

- Install smoke alarms.
- Identify escape routes.
- Practice the escape plan.
- Practice alerting family members.
- Learn the fire department's emergency number.



If a Fire Starts

- Get out quickly.
- Go to the meeting place.
- Call the fire department.



If You Can't Escape

- Stuff wet cloth around doors and vents.
- Call the fire department.
- Stay low and by a window.
- Open windows at top and bottom.
- Wave a bright-colored cloth at the window.

Preventing Fires

- Conduct a home hazard hunt.
- Inspect wood stoves and chimneys annually.
- Purchase only “laboratory-tested” heaters.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Check electrical wiring.
- Keep combustibles away from the stove.

Three Classes of Wildfires

- Surface fire
- Ground fire
- Crown fire



Wildfire Preparedness

- Keep a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the house.
- Obtain a portable gasoline-powered water pump.
- Equip chimneys and stovepipes with spark arresters.
- Keep fire tools handy.
- Use proper building and landscape design.

During a Wildfire

- Listen for emergency information.
- Confine pets or arrange for pets to stay with a friend or relative.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the home.
- Remove flammable drapes and curtains.
- Close all doors and windows.

After a Wildfire

- Use caution when reentering.
- Inspect the roof immediately.
- Have propane or heating oil tanks inspected.
- Check the stability of trees around the home.
- If there is no power, check the main breaker.