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HOME FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN

Fire is one of the most common home hazards and one of the deadliest. By creating a fire emergency plan, you and your family can greatly reduce your chances of being injured in a fire.

- Use Smoke Detectors
 - Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of your home, in every bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
 - Keep smoke detectors away from cooking vapors to prevent false or nuisance alarms.
 - Proper placement is on the ceiling. However, if a wall must be used, install the detector(s) at a minimum distance of 4" and a maximum distance of 12" from the ceiling.
 - Be sure that any unit you purchase is UL listed.
 - Smoke detectors should be routinely replaced every 10 years.
- Test Your Smoke Detectors
 - Test each smoke detector in your home at least monthly by pushing the test button.
 - Replace the batteries twice a year.
- Fire Extinguisher in the Kitchen
 - Regularly check the fire extinguisher to ensure that it is properly charged.
 - Use the test button or gauge to check proper pressure level.
 - If the extinguisher is damaged, corroded or low on pressure, have it professionally serviced.
 - Your local fire department may be able to provide you with additional fire extinguisher training.

Plan Your Escape Paths

- Identify Two Escape Paths From Each Room in Your Home
 - If there is smoke in your first path, use your second option.
 - If you must exit through smoke, stay low where the air is fresher and easier to breathe.
 - If you must open a closed door, feel it before opening. If it is hot, use your second option.
 - If heat, flames or smoke block your escape paths, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help at the window using a bright-colored cloth. If there is a phone in the room call 911 and give your location.
 - Determine whether a ladder is needed for your plan. If it is, make sure everyone



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- knows how to set it up and use it.
- Designate a family meeting place outside the home
 - Once you are out, stay out
 - Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

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