

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR FAMILIES

Install smoke alarms on every floor and outside each sleeping area of your home.

Test smoke alarms monthly. Make sure everyone knows that the piercing sound means danger, and they should escape quickly.

Gather all family members to plan at least two escape routes. Include a safe place to meet outside, such as neighbor's house or a certain tree.

Practice fire drills following these escape routes.

Store matches, lighters, and any flammable materials in safe places away from children.

Teach young children:

- The meaning of hot

- The difference between toys and tools for adults, such as matches and lighters

- Your local fire emergency telephone number

- To call an adult if they see smoke or fire, even if they started the fire.

- Never to hide during a fire, even though firefighter outfits may look scary

Know to crawl on the floor for easier breathing when fleeing a fire.

Keep calm if clothes catch on fire. Stop, drop, and roll until the fire goes out.

Never return to a burning building. Call for help from a neighbor's home.