

Fire Safety Checklist

Have Smoke Alarms that Work

- Have smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Make sure a smoke alarm is inside or near every bedroom. Install both ionization -and photoelectric-type smoke alarms.
- Test each smoke alarm every month. Push the test button until you hear a loud noise.
- Put new batteries in your smoke alarms at least one time each year.
- If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, get new smoke alarms.

Can everyone wake up?

- Young children might sleep through the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Be prepared for a family member to wake children for fire drills and in a real emergency.

Plan your escape from fire

- Know how to get out fast if there is a fire.
- Find two ways out of every room – the door and maybe the window.
- You might need an escape ladder to get out of upstairs bedroom windows.
- Children and older people will need help escaping a fire. Plan for this.
- Know who needs help and pick someone to help them.
- Make sure windows and doors open easily.
- Make sure everyone can reach and open locks on doors and windows.
- Make sure stairs and doorways are never blocked.
- If you have security bars on doors and windows, have a “quick-release” latch. This makes it easy to get outside in an emergency.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to use the latch.
- Look for things that could slow down your escape. Move or fix them.