

How Safe Is Your Home?

DID YOU KNOW?

Most fire fatalities occur in your home.

Fire victims die of smoke inhalation, poisonous gases, or lack of oxygen, not from severe burns!

Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires and burns.

Careless smoking is still the leading cause of residential fire deaths.

SAFETY TIPS.

Make sure your family has an escape plan.

Sleep with your door closed. A closed door provides safety against heat and smoke.

Install a smoke detector in every bedroom and change the batteries twice a year, use the time change as a reminder.

Crawl low in smoke. In a fire, the super heated air and toxic gases fill the room from the top down. This leaves a "Safety Zone" of breathable air about 12 to 24 inches above the floor.

Have everyone in the household listen to the smoke alarm, so they will be aware of what it sounds like.

Put matches and lighters out of reach of little ones.

HOME SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Yes / No All-family members know to dial 9-1-1 for emergencies

Yes / No There are working smoke detectors in every room

Yes / No House numbers on your residence

Yes / No Matches and lighters out of reach of children

Yes / No Gasoline is kept in an approved container

Yes / No Electrical cords in good condition and used properly

Yes / No Fire extinguisher in the house and know how to use them

Yes / No Change batteries twice a year with the time change

Yes / No Check smoke detectors at least once a month

Yes / No Each room in my house has two exits

Yes / No Do you have a CO₂ detector in the house (to check for carbon monoxide in your home).

Yes / No My family developed and practices an emergency escape plan

"DON'T BE THE PROBLEM BUT BE THE SOLUTION OF FIRE SAFETY"