



FIRE SAFETY

MEETING PLACE

Develop an exit plan with the entire family. Have a designated meeting place outside to make sure everyone is safe and accounted for. Review this procedure on a regular basis.

EXIT PLAN

Stand in each room of your house and determine the best way to exit that room in an emergency. This is very important in a multi-level home. It is also critical to know how to open windows and remove the screen. Feel the surface of a door before opening it. If it is hot, don't open it. There may be fire on the other side.

DOOR LOCKS

Some locks and dead bolts require a key to unlock it from the inside. Make certain that everyone knows where the key is and check periodically to make sure it is there.

BURNING STRUCTURES

Never under any circumstances re-enter a burning structure or try to extinguish the fire yourself. Let your local fire fighters handle the situation.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Change your smoke detector batteries twice a year. Daylight savings time is a good reminder.

FIREPLACES

Do not remove the ashes from your fireplace until you are 100% certain that the embers are out. Place the ashes in a fireproof container outside and away from your house.

UTILITIES

Keep the area around your furnace and hot water tank clear of all debris and stored materials.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Keep an updated fire extinguisher within arm's reach while working in the kitchen, garage or workshop. An (ABC) rated fire extinguisher is suitable for home use.

SPACE HEATER

Understand and follow the instructions when using a space heater. Never leave a space heater unattended, especially overnight. A space heater should be plugged in to its own outlet and preferably on its own circuit.

VIDEO

Walk through your home with a video camera, recording and narrating your contents. Give a brief description and value on each item for documentation purposes. Store this video in a fire-proof safe or offsite location. This will provide valuable information in the event of a fire when itemizing destroyed personal property.