



Home & Work Fire Safety Tips

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Everyday Fire Safety

We all contribute to fire safety both at home and in the work place. Many everyday precautions can be taken to ensure we are all 'fire safe.'

- Install, test, and clean smoke alarms throughout the home.
- Exercise safe cooking practices.
- Create and practice home escape drills, including closing doors.
- Learn to use a fire extinguisher.
- Minimize clutter and store all items appropriately.
- Install fire sprinklers in the home.
- Handle and store flammable liquids with care.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.

Top 5 Best Practices

- 1 Smoke Alarms
- 2 Close doors
- 3 Fire Sprinklers
- 4 Housekeeping
- 5 Exit plans/drills

*Everyone can help
prevent fires by taking
small steps each day!*

Common misconceptions

Big fires start small! In today's world filled with synthetics and plastics small fires turn into big fires fast. You may have only up to 3 minutes to exit your home or workspace before a fire grows out of control. Fires produce toxic, thick, black smoke that can prevent you from seeing and breathing. This creates a very unsafe environment to occupy. It also makes it dangerous to exit and return.

The orange glow of a flame may not be seen, but that does not mean the fire is not growing. Fire is heat, smoke, and light. Heat can travel much faster than a flame. It is important to leave the area, close any doors behind you, get out, and then stay out!

Why fire safety so important

Each year fires destroy an average of \$12 billion in property and affect countless lives. Families lose their homes, businesses close; people lose jobs, and the devastating effects can affect an entire community. Many of these started small and could have been reduced with simple, everyday fire safety. In 2012, our nations Firefighters responded to 1 million fires. Your family, friends, and co-workers need you to be fire safe so we can all benefit.