

American Red Cross Fire Safety Tips

Be Prepared in Time of Disaster

Things that can save your life:

- Install smoke detectors; they save lives!
- Check the batteries in your smoke detectors at least twice a year. A smoke detector doesn't save lives if its batteries are dead.
- Remember that having a suitable home fire extinguisher in good condition, and knowing how to use it, may save your home—even your life.

Planning can save your life:

- Plan with your family at least two ways to get out of every room in your home.
- Pick a place outside your home where your family will meet.

Fire safety tips on escaping from a building:

- If you are in a building and smell smoke or see fire, get out quickly. Leave the building first; then call the fire department.
- Before opening a door in a burn-

ing building, feel the door quickly with the back of your hand.

- If the door is hot, go out an alternate exit.
- If the door is cool, kneel down and check the air coming under the door. If the air is cool, the room may be safe to enter.
- When opening the door to the room you think is cool, kneel behind the door while you open it just a little, with your face turned away from the opening. Listen and smell for fire and smoke.
- Close all windows and doors behind you as you leave.
- Crawl low under the smoke to escape.
- Use a stairway, NOT an elevator, to escape from a burning building.

Your Red Cross chapter can be a resource to you and your family should a fire occur.



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