

FIRE SAFETY

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that approximately 80% of all fires deaths in the United States and Canada occur in the home. ONCE A FIRE STARTS THERE'S NO TIME TO DEVELOP A PLAN. KNOW WHEN TO GO AND WHAT TO DO. Many lives can be saved if people react immediately when a fire alarm sounds. Have an escape plan that includes two ways out of each room and a meeting place outside the home. Practice it with the whole family regularly.

Working smoke detectors save lives! The City of Greenbelt Code requires an operable smoke detector be installed on every level of your home and inside each sleeping room or area. Test them monthly and install new batteries.

IN A FIRE EMERGENCY

- ✚ Sound the alarm
- ✚ React immediately, Know When To Go
- ✚ Call the fire department using a phone outside of the home
- ✚ Teach your children how to get emergency help.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

- ✚ Have a plan that includes two ways out of every room and a meeting place outside the home.
- ✚ Practice the escape plan regularly with the whole family

CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE

- ✚ If you encounter smoke on your way out of a fire, use your second way out instead.
- ✚ If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.



STOP DROP AND ROLL

- ✚ If your clothes catch fire, stop where you are. Drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll over and over to smother the flames.

USE ELECTRICITY SAFELY

- ✚ Don't overload extension cords or run them under floor covering
- ✚ Discontinue using frayed or cracked extension cords and replace them.
- ✚ Use proper size fuses in your fuse box.
- ✚ Discontinue using defective appliances and have them repaired by a professional

GASOLINE SAFETY

- ✚ Gasoline should be stored in an approved safety container outside of the home.
- ✚ Use gasoline as a motor fuel only, never for cleaning.
- ✚ Matches or lighters can be deadly in the hands of a child
- ✚ Use child resistant lighters
- ✚ Store all matches and lighters in a secure area, preferably in a locked cabinet.

SPACE HEATERS NEED SPACE

- ✚ Keep portable and space heaters at least 3 feet from combustibles.
- ✚ Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed and keep children and pets well away from them.

SECURITY BAR ON WINDOWS CAN TRAP YOU IN A FIRE

- ✚ Use bars that have a quick release mechanism that everyone in the family can operate.

FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS

- ✚ Even sparklers which can burn as hot as 1200 degrees F causes thousands of injuries to children each year.
- ✚ Attend professional displays and leave fireworks to the technicians who are trained to use them.

ENJOY A SAFE HOLIDAY

- ✚ Water your Christmas tree daily and be sure it is placed away from exits and heat sources.
- ✚ Make sure holiday lights are labeled by an approved testing laboratory and in good condition.

REACT FAST TO FIRE!! Visit:

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code/firesafetychecklist.pdf