



1. Crawl low under the smoke to your exit

If you have to escape a fire through smoke, crawl low, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor, the air is cleaner at this lower level.

2. Plan your escape

Make a home escape plan and hold regular fire drills so everyone in your household knows what to do in a fire emergency. When escaping a fire, feel the cracks around doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If they're warm, try another escape route.

3. Install smoke alarms

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, inside and outside of the bedrooms. Test them once a month, and replace their batteries once a year.

4. Be careful with smoking materials

Never smoke in bed or when you're drowsy or have been drinking or taking medication.

5. Install an automatic home fire sprinkler system

Automatic fire sprinkler systems control or extinguish fires in less time than it takes for the fire department to arrive. Consider installing a system in your home.

6. Use electricity safely

Replace damaged electrical cords and repair appliances that smell, smoke, or overheat.

7. Cook safely

Never leave cooking unattended, and keep cooking areas clean and uncluttered.

8. Space heaters need space

Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn.

9. Keep matches and lighters out of the sight of children

Keep matches and lighters away from children – store them up high in a locked cabinet.

10. Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch fire

If your clothing catches fire, stop and don't run. Drop to the ground and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cool the burn and call 911 for help.