



SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION

Fire Safety

- Make sure your home has at least one smoke detector per level.
- Smoke detector batteries must be changed twice a year and tested every month.
- Never leave cooking materials unattended while preparing meals.
- Use extreme caution when discarding smoking materials.
- Candles are dangerous—never leave a burning candle unattended or in areas with pets or small children.
- Keep matches and lighters up and away from children.
- Plan your home escape routes, know two ways out, crawl low in smoke, call 911 from outside the home at the family meeting place.
- If you have a fire extinguisher, mount it near an exit and know how to use it. Check it monthly.
- Make sure your home's address is clearly visible from the street.
- Do not jump out of a second-floor window or higher if trapped. Close doors, open a window and call out for help.
- Home fire escape ladders are a good secondary route of escape if a person can safely use them.

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