



Fire Prevention Month:

October is Fire Prevention Month. The history of National Fire Prevention Month has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred today October 9, 1871.

There are many things that people can do to improve their safety at home, school, or work from a **FIRE!**

THINGS TO REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE A FIRE!

GET OUT of the House or building and **STAY OUT!**

Crawl low under the smoke.

Feel doors with the back of your hand for heat, before opening.

Open doors slowly and be ready to close them if heat or fire is outside them.

Once out of the house or building, **DON'T GO BACK IN FOR ANY REASON!**

Once outside go to a phone and call 911 to report the fire.

If your clothes catch on fire: **STOP, DROP, and ROLL** until the fire goes out and cover your face with your hands.

Close any doors you safely can as you are leaving the house or building.

Provide any helpful information to the Fire Department you can:

1. Where the fire is located in the house or building.
2. If anyone is still in the house or building and where they might be located.
3. Any hazards that might be in the house or building.



Fire Safety begins at home. Every family should know the basics of how to prevent fires at home and what to do in case there is a fire. So, invest a few minutes and learn how to BE SAFE!



Have an **escape plan** that includes:

1. Two different ways out.
2. Someone assigned to help those that need help getting out.
3. Someone assigned to call 911.
4. A meeting place for everyone once they get out.

Be careful while **cooking** and remember:

1. Never leave cooking unattended.
2. Wear clothes with short, roll-up, or tight-fitting sleeves.
3. For each pot or pan you use, have its lid out to cover it.
4. Keep the cooking areas clear of combustibles.
5. Turn pot and pan handles inward on the stove so they can't be bumped.
6. Keep small children away from the cooking area while in use.

SAFETY FIRST!



Smoke Detectors The Fire Department recommends installing smoke detectors in all hallways and bedrooms in your home. Smoke detector devices should bear the Underwriters Laboratories seal. We recommend you follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

