

What To Do In The Event Of A Fire At Your Home

Before a fire happens, be prepared by **Installing Smoke Detectors** and checking periodically to ensure they work. Conduct fire drills in your home and plan escape routes as well as a place for all members of the family to meet outside. You may never have to face an uncontrolled fire, but knowing what to do at the time can save your life. Practice the following actions in your fire drills.



Go to your door and feel it to see if it's hot.



If the door isn't hot, leave the room and then the building. Leave immediately and don't come back. If you encounter smoke while leaving, drop down to the floor and crawl out.



If the door is hot when you feel it, go out through the window or take another route. If you have no way out, keep your door closed so that smoke can't get into the room. Drop down to the floor, where the fresher air is, and crawl over to the window. Open it and hang a sheet or blanket out the window to alert fire fighters you are in the room.



Once out of your building, **do not** return for any reason. Call the fire department from a location that is a safe distance from the fire.



If your clothes catch fire, stop where you are, drop to the floor and roll around. That will help put out the flames. Fire experts call this action **stop, drop and roll**.

Just Remember...

Fires started by matches and lighters claim thousands of lives each year. Most of those deaths could be prevented by a few simple precautions...

Store matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Teach children that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys.

If you suspect your child is setting fires, get help immediately. Your local fire department, school, or community counselor can put you in touch with experts trained to help.

If you smoke, use great caution and check for smoldering cigarettes or embers before leaving a room.

For more information on fire prevention and safety, contact your local fire department.

