

Do you know what to do in the event of a fire? Here are 10 fire safety tips that can help you prevent a fire at home. Remember, in case of any emergency stay calm and be safe.

TO FIRE SIFETY TIPS

- **1. MATCHES & LIGHTERS.** Do not play with matches or lighters. If you see anyone using matches or lighters inappropriately go tell a parent or responsible adult.
- **2. SMOKE DETECTORS.** Every home should have smoke detectors. Make sure they work! Ask your parents to help you check and make sure the smoke detectors in your home are working properly. Most fire departments recommend changing batteries twice a year in the fall when you set clocks back and in the spring when you set them forward.
- **3. HAZARD CHECK.** Check your house for these fire hazards:



ELECTRICAL: Make sure all electrical cords, outlets and power supplies are in good working order and out of the way of water and flammable items.



LAMPS: Never drape fabric over a lamp or leave flammable items near a light bulb.



FIREPLACE: If you have a fireplace make sure you have a safety screen in place and that nothing flammable is anywhere near the fire area.



HEATERS & RADIATORS: Do not put anything on top of a radiator or heater. Make sure all electrical radiators are unplugged when not in use.



STOVE, OVEN, TOASTER: Make sure these are turned OFF when no one is in the kitchen. Watch to make sure flammable items are out of the way when your parents are cooking.

- **4. MAKE A PLAN.** Work out a plan with your parents about where you should go and what you should all do in the event of a fire. You should have two ways to escape from every room in case one exit is blocked by fire. And you should pick a location outside a neighbor's house, a landmark, a nearby park a place where everyone can meet up.
- **5. PRACTICE YOUR PLAN.** Run through your plan making sure everyone knows what to do. Test opening windows and screens to make sure they will open if necessary. Also, practice meeting up at your assigned location outside the house.
- **6. DO NOT HIDE—GO OUTSIDE.** Remember this very important fire safety tip. You may be scared, but never hide

during a fire. Get outside and wait for your family at your assigned spot.

- **7. FALL AND CRAWL.** The best way to escape in the event of a fire is to stay low to the ground where there is less smoke in the air and crawl your way to safety.
- **8. STOP, DROP & ROLL.** If your clothes catch on fire, do not panic, stop, drop and roll. Keep rolling until the fire is out. Do not run it will make the fire spread.
- **9. STAY OUT.** Never go back inside a burning building. You made a fire safety plan with your family, now stick to it! Once you get to the designated meeting spot, stay there and wait for your family to arrive.
- **10. KNOW YOUR NUMBERS.** In the event of an emergency call 911. Know your other emergency phone numbers. Memorize at least two phone numbers to nearby people who can respond quickly if your family needs help.

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

MATCHES & LIGHTERS:
Out of view and in a safe place.

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SMOKE DETECTORS:

All tested and working.

ELECTRICAL:

All working safely and properly.

LAMPS:

All clear of flammable items.

FIREPLACE:

Area clear of flammable items with safety screen

HEATERS & RADIATORS:

All turned off and/or clear of flammable items.

STOVE, OVEN, TOASTER:

All turned off and/or clear of flammable items.

EMERGENCY PLAN:

Plan in place and practiced.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Memorized.

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