

DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!

You need to answer "YES" to all the following questions to increase your chances of surviving a house fire.

Do you test your smoke detectors once a month?

Does your family have a drawn escape plan of your house, showing all exits?

Are there smoke detectors on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas?

Does everyone in the family know at least 2 escape routes from every room?

Does your family practice your escape plan at least twice a year?

Do all smoke detectors have working batteries?

Do you change your smoke detector batteries when the clocks are changed for daylight savings and daylight standard times?

Do you have a meeting place outside of the home for all family members to gather in case of fire?

Do you have a carbon monoxide detector in the immediate vicinity of all sleeping areas?

WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOULD DO IN CASE OF FIRE

1. Don't panic – escape may depend on clear thinking.
2. Get out of the house following the planned escape routes, if possible. Do not stop to collect valuables, dress, or find animals.
3. Open doors carefully only after feeling them to see if they are hot. If they are, do not open—follow an alternative escape route.
4. Keep close to the floor—smoke and hot gases rise. Breathe through a cloth (wet, if possible) and take short, shallow breaths.
5. Keep doors and windows closed unless it is necessary to open them for escape.
6. Meet at your pre-established meeting place after leaving your house.
7. Call the fire department as soon as possible from outside the house. Give your address and name.
8. Never re-enter a burning building.