

House Fires

Fires can engulf a structure within minutes. Make sure you have smoke detectors installed and that they work properly. Test them monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year. Have A-B-C fire extinguishers and teach family members where they are located and how to use them. Always keep one in a convenient location in the kitchen, since cooking accidents are a very common way that home fires get started. Plan at least two escape routes from each room. Arrange an outside meeting place away from your home with your family. Practice fire drills, which should include staying low and evacuating blindfolded from the house. Remember to feel doors before opening, and if the door feels hot, go another way. Learn how to stop, drop and roll if you should catch fire. Teach and practice all of these methods with your entire family. NEVER EVER go back into a burning building or take extra time to save pets or possessions if your home is on fire. Your life is more important.

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