

Home Fire Safety Basics

Fire is the third leading cause of accidental death. Approximately 85% of fire deaths occur in the home, and most deaths are due to smoke inhalation. Smoke alarms will warn you of a fire in time to let you escape.

Here are some Basic Prevention Tips

- Install a certified smoke alarm on each level of your home.
- Have and practice a fire escape plan with your family.
- Know your fire department's phone number.
- Have and know how to use your fire extinguisher.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Don't overload the electrical outlets.
- Always barbecue outside.
- Never leave grease cooking unattended.
- Clean grease from burner pans and stove top regularly.
- Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area.
- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home.
- Test your smoke alarm at least twice a year.
- Test the battery once a month (by pushing the button on the unit).
- Never remove the battery for any reason.
- Replace the battery once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms every five years.