



Graham Fire & Rescue

HOME SAFETY

Smoke Detectors - Smoke is the cause for 3 of every 4 fire deaths.

- ✓ Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- ✓ Test detectors monthly.
- ✓ Keep smoke detectors dust free. Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.
- ✓ If you have a smoke detector directly wired into your electrical system, be sure the signal light is blinking periodically

Fire Extinguishers

- ✓ Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop.
- ✓ Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires.
- ✓ Learn how to use your fire extinguisher before there is an emergency.
- ✓ Use an extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call 911 from another location.

Fire Escape Plan

- ✓ Prepare a floor plan of your home showing at least two ways out of each room.
- ✓ Sleep with your bedroom door closed. In the event of fire, it helps hold back heat and smoke. If a door feels hot, do not open it; escape through another door or window.
- ✓ Check corridors and stairways to make sure they are free of obstructions and combustibles.
- ✓ Clear all unnecessary items from the attic, basement and garage.
- ✓ Easy-to-use window escape ladders are available through many stores for around \$90.
- ✓ Agree on a fixed location out-of-doors where family members are to gather for a head count.
- ✓ Stay together away from the fire. Call 911 from another location. Make certain that no one goes back inside a burning building.