



Fire Safety

We should follow these guidelines in order to protect ourselves, our families, and our homes in the event of a fire:

Escape a Fire:

- If we are indoors when a fire starts, we should **GET OUT and STAY OUT**. Get as low to the ground as possible and crawl to the nearest exit. Always check doors with the back of our hand before opening. If the door, door knob, or crack is hot, do not open it - find another way out. If the door is cool, pass through quickly and close the door behind you. If we cannot get out, hang a white t-shirt, towel or sheet out of the window to let firefighters know that we are trapped inside.

Defend Your Property:

- Remove tall grass, brush, dead tree limbs, and other vegetation that fuels fire, away from our home, and dispose the debris promptly. Remove leaves and other tree droppings from our roof and yard. Remove combustible materials and firewood from under decks and porches. Create fuel breaks by installing driveways, concrete patios, gravel walkways and lawns around your home. We should keep a 30-foot clearing around our house for fire fighting equipment. Also, cover house vents with wire mesh less than 1/8 inch to keep sparks out.

Evacuation:

- Evacuate immediately if asked to do so, and cooperate with public safety personnel. Move down slope if fire is burning in a hilly or mountainous area. We should cover our nose and mouth with clothing or other piece of cloth to protect from smoke and ash. Identify ahead of time potential routes to safety.