



WHEAT RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DOING THE RIGHT THINGS AT THE RIGHT TIMES FOR THE RIGHT REASONS

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EXIT THE HOME IN A FIRE EMERGENCY AND STAY OUT

Make sure all family members know what to do in the event of a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two ways of escaping from every room. Make a drawing for each floor. The drawing dimensions do not need to be correct. Make sure the plan shows important details: stairs, hallways and windows that can be used as fire escape routes.

TEST windows and doors- do they open easy enough? Are they wide and tall enough?

CHOOSE a safe meeting place outside the house.

PRACTICE your escape plan. It is a good idea to keep a whistle and flashlight in each bedroom.

CONDUCT a family meeting and discuss the following topics:

- Always sleep with the bedroom doors closed. This will keep deadly heat and smoke out of the bedrooms, allowing additional time to escape.
- Find a way for everyone to sound a family alarm. Yelling, pounding on the walls, whistles, etc. Practice yelling "FIRE!"
- In a real fire, time is critical. Don't waste time getting dressed; don't search for pets or valuables. JUST GET OUT!
- Roll out of bed. Stay low. One breath of smoke or gases may be enough to kill.

PRACTICE evacuating the building blindfolded. In a real fire situation, the amount of smoke generated by a fire will make it difficult to see.

PRACTICE staying low to the ground when escaping. CRAWL.

FEEL all doors before opening them. If the door is hot, get out another way.

LEARN to STOP, DROP, to the ground, and ROLL if your clothes catch fire.

INSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS

Check smoke detectors once a month and change the batteries twice a year. Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District is a part of the CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY PROGRAM. At least one detector should be installed on every level of the structure.



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Purchase smoke detectors labeled by the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).

POST EMERGENCY NUMBERS NEAR YOUR PHONE

Be aware that if a fire threatens your home, you should not place the call to the fire department from inside your home. It is better to get out and place the call from a neighbor's house.

AFTER A FIRE EMERGENCY

Give first aid where appropriate. Seriously injured victims should be transported to a hospital for care. In Wheat Ridge we are close to Exempla Lutheran Medical Center and to Saint Anthony Hospital.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FIRE ESCAPE METHOD FOR ALL SITUATIONS

You may have installed a security system in your home. Some home security systems can be connected to your smoke alarms.

SPACE HEATERS NEED SPACE

Keep portable and space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire. Never leave space heaters plugged in when you are not attending them. Children and pets should be kept clear when they are in use.

SMOKERS NEED TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL

Never smoke in the bed or when you are tired. Carelessly discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths in the United States.

BE CAREFUL COOKING

Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles. Keep the handles of your pots turned inward so they do not over-hang the stove. If grease catches fire, turn the burner off and carefully slide the lid over the pan to smother the flames. **DO NOT USE WATER ON A GREASE FIRE. IF THE FIRE GETS TO BIG, GET OUT AND CALL " 911 ".**

MATCHES AND LIGHTERS ARE DANGEROUS

In the hands of a child, matches and lighters can be deadly! Store them where kids can not reach them, preferably in a locked area. Teach children that matches and lighters are "TOOLS" and should only be used by a grown up.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Replace frayed or cracked cords and do not overload extension cords. Use surge protectors or UL power strips instead of extension cords. Never tamper with breaker boxes. And always contact utilities locates, before you dig in any ground.



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COOL A BURN

If someone gets burned, immediately place the wound under cool water for 10 to 15 minutes. If the burn has blisters or has charred, seek medical attention immediately. NEVER USE ICE TO COOL A BURN.

HOT ITEMS

If you have halogen lights or candles, make sure they are kept away from flammable drapes and low ceiling areas. Never leave them on when you leave.

FIRE DOUBLES IN SIZE EVERY MINUTE, MAKE SURE YOUR METHOD OF ESCAPE IS KNOWN AND PRACTICED.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SPECIFIC FIRE SAFETY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AT:

303-403-5915 OR info@wrfire.org