HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST
For Residents/Citizens

SMOKE ALARMS

□ Have Smoke Alarms — Install one in every bedroom or sleeping area and one on every level of your home.

□ Have the Correct Smoke Alarms
  • Standard — Photoelectric/or Ionization smoke alarms.
  • Bed Shakers — For hearing impaired, deaf, elderly.
  • Strobe Lights — For hearing impaired, deaf, elderly that plugs directly into the wall. Industrial strobe.
  • Nest — Smoke/CO combo that alerts your phone when it goes off.

□ Test Your Alarms — Press the smoke alarm test button once a month to assure your alarms work.

□ Change Batteries — For 9-volt battery smoke alarms, change batteries once a year or when alarm chirps.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS (CO)

□ Have CO Alarms — Install a working CO alarm on every level of your home.

□ Best Placement — CO alarms are best near kitchens, garages, utility rooms, appliances.

□ Change CO Alarms — Install new CO alarms every 6 to 8 years.

Safety Tip
If you are having any symptoms like:
  • Headache
  • Dizziness
  • Weakness
  • Upset stomach
  • Vomiting
  • Chest pain
  • Confusion

Please call your local fire department to come evaluate your home CO level.

DID YOU KNOW?
Most fire deaths happen overnight and a closed bedroom door can slow the spread of flames, reduce smoke inhalation that could save your life.

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FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

□ Plan Your Escape — Have a plan designed around your abilities.

Things to Consider

▪ Can you get out on your own without equipment or assistance?
▪ If you need equipment, be sure it is accessible at all times.
▪ If you need someone to assist you, answer the who, what, when, where and how.
▪ Make sure your equipment fits through all exits.
▪ Use a bedroom on ground floor close to an exit if possible.
▪ Install exit ramps or widen door to make escape easier.

□ Know Two Ways Out — Include family, neighbors, friends or a building manager in practicing your escape plan.

□ Windows and Doors — Practice opening locked windows and doors.

□ Service Animals — Be sure to include any service animals in your plan.

□ Need Extra Help? — Call your local fire departments non-emergency number if you need help with your escape planning.

PREPARE A GO BAG

In a fire you have very little time to escape. Be prepared by having essential items in a bag that you or first responders can easily grab.

▪ Seven (7) day supply of necessary medications.
▪ Emergency contact information.
▪ Contact information for equipment replacements.
▪ Necessary medical supplies/refills.

CALLING 911

When contacting 911 be sure to tell dispatcher:

▪ Full name.
▪ Nature of disability.
▪ Your exact location within home.
▪ Any necessary/life-saving equipment needed (i.e. wheelchairs, medication, oxygen).

Smart911*

Plan ahead for an emergency by giving 911 the information they need to help you fast.

Sign up at smart911.com.

*DID YOU KNOW?

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire fatalities. For your safety:

▪ Never smoke in bed.
▪ Never smoke when tired.
▪ Never smoke when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
▪ Never smoke while on medical oxygen.

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION!

Check out the MI Prevention fire safety information for more tips and videos on fire safety!

*may not be available in your area