

For more information on fire safety,
prevention and response, visit:

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
www.cpsc.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

NYS Division of Homeland Security
and Emergency Services
Office of Fire Prevention and Control
www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/



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• Use these tips today to protect your home and family.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms.
- Place a smoke alarm on every level including inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Interconnect the alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Install smoke alarms and alert devices to assist family members who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Alert devices, such as strobe lights, flash when the smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers may be useful to wake a person who is sleeping. The shakers are triggered by the sound of the smoke alarm and shake people awake to warn them of a fire.
- Test your alarms at least once a month. Press each test button to make sure it is working.
- Review the Consumer Product Safety Commission website, www.cpsc.gov, for information on recalled smoke alarms.

HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- Plan your home escape; including two ways out of each room.
- Plan an outside family meeting place.
- Share the escape plan with everyone in the family and guests.
- Practice your fire drill.
- Make sure children, older adults, and people with disabilities have assistance.
- Make sure your home has bright lighting in stairways to prevent falls.
- Remove clutter to prevent trips and falls to allow for a quick escape.
- Install handrails along the full length of both sides of the stairs.

FIRE RESPONSE

- If there is a fire, get outside quickly and stay outside. Then call 9-1-1.
- If you can't get outside call 9-1-1. Let the fire department know you can't get outside. Wave a light-colored cloth or a flashlight near the window, but don't open the window.
- If there is smoke, use your second way out. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke.