

## Fire Safety for Home

Each year thousands of homes catch fire due to some things that if observed beforehand and taken care of, a fire would not happen. People die from smoke inhalation due to panic or not knowing what to do. Prevention is a life saver.

Rules to remember:

If you smell smoke there is likely a fire.

If you have smoke alarms, make sure the batteries are replaced yearly. Pick a day that you will remember to do so and write it on a calendar.

Know your route and practice it so if the time should come you will more instinctively use that route. In fact practice two ways out, giving you a choice. Hiding in a closet or under the bed will not save you. It's time to act.

If your door is closed and you smell smoke, and smoke comes from under or over the door frame. DO NOT OPEN IT! If you have to make sure you use the back of your hand to feel the door and knob before doing so. If it's hot it's not the way to go.

If you need to get out and there is smoke do not run through it, crawl under it. Remember smoke will kill and blinds you in your efforts to see through it.

Have a family safe place to meet where you can go and wait for the family. If you have a cell phone with you call 911.

NEVER go back into the building. If someone is still in there direct firemen where the room is that you know they occupy.