

## FPW Special Event – 2022 Fire Safety Tips

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- 1. Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.**
2. Today's home fires burn faster than ever. You may have less than two minutes to escape once the alarm sounds.
3. Fire can advance quickly, so your escape needs to be even quicker.
4. Your ability to escape a fire depends on your advance planning, on your practicing, and on keeping your alarms working.
- 5. Plan your escape and practice your plan.**
6. Draw a map of your home to plan your escape. Show all doors and windows.
7. Visit each room in your home. Find two ways out.
8. Check that all windows and doors open easily.
9. Consider labeling the doors that lead to an exit.
10. Make sure your home has working smoke, CO, and flammable gas alarms.
11. Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
12. Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
13. Talk about your plan with everyone in your home, including overnight guests.
14. Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 or your local emergency number.
- 15. Practice your escape plan. Practice, practice, practice.**
16. Practice your home fire drill twice a year.
17. Practice in the daytime and during the night.
18. Make sure all your escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily.
19. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need help to wake up and get out. Make sure they are part of the plan you practice.
20. Consider posting fire-rescue decals on bedroom windows for occupants who need special help.
21. Share your escape plan with overnight guests.
- 22. Make the first Saturday of each month "Smoke Alarm Saturday."**
23. Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can. They alert you to danger.
24. Smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
25. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.
26. Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing lab, such as UL, UL Canada, or Factory Mutual.
27. Test all your alarms on Smoke Alarm Saturday by pushing the test button.
28. If your smoke alarm makes a loud beep when you test it, you know it's working.
29. If your smoke alarm makes a "chirp," then it needs a new battery. Change the battery right away.
30. If your smoke alarm makes no sound or the sound is low, change the battery or the alarm.
- 31. When you hear a beep, get on your feet.**
32. If the alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
33. Call 9-1-1 from your outside meeting place.
- 34. If you hear a chirp, make a change.**
35. A chirping alarm needs attention.
36. Replace the batteries of a chirping alarm.
37. Replace the entire alarm if it is older than 10 years old.
38. Mark the date on the back of your alarm when you install it.
39. If you don't remember how old your alarm is, replace it.
40. For more helpful information, visit the Fire Prevention Week website at [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org). Also see [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) and your local fire and police departments.