



October 2017

October is Fire Prevention Month

National Fire Protection Association has declared the 2017 theme to be, “*Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!*”. In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safety from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

Here is a short fire safety quiz to test your knowledge of fire prevention, fire protection, and fire safety:

1. How often should an ABC fire extinguisher in your home be replaced?

- a. 10 - 12 years
- b. 20 - 25 years
- c. Never, if not used

10 - 12 years

2. Why is Fire Prevention Week always the week of October 9th?

- a. To commemorate the Great Chicago Fire
- b. To commemorate the Great Roman Fire
- c. To commemorate the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

Great Chicago Fire

3. How often should smoke detectors be replaced?

- a. After a fire
- b. Every 5 years
- c. Every 10 years

Every 10 years

4. Most fire deaths occur where?

- a. In motor vehicles
- b. In the home
- c. In the workplace
- d. In a place of assembly; restaurant, theater, casino, etc.

In the home

5. What age group has the greatest chance of dying in a fire in the home?

- a. Infants
- b. Pre-teen age children
- c. Young adults
- d. Adults
- e. Senior citizens

**By far, the two age groups who are most likely to die in a fire at home are:
Infants & Senior citizens**

Fire safety is not just for the workplace. Homes – where are children and perhaps elderly parents are – represent a significant fire hazard to what and who we hold dear. Protect them by going home and doing these things tonight:

- Test your smoke detector by pushing the button. Check the date of manufacture. Replace if over 10 years old.
- Check your fire extinguisher’s date of manufacture. Replace if over 10 years old.
- Hold a fire drill with your family. Know two ways out. Know to call 9-1-1 from OUTSIDE the house.

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EVERY SECOND COUNTS

PLAN **2** WAYS OUT!™



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

