



# LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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## Hotel and Motel Safety

### Hotel/Motel Facts:

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 3,700 structure fires per year at hotel or motel properties between 2006-2010.

These fires caused average annual losses of 12 civilian deaths, 143 civilian injuries, and \$127 million in direct property damage each year.

In an average year, one of every 12 hotels or motels reported a structure fire.

When sprinklers were present and operated, 91% of sprinklers in hotel or motel fires operated effectively when present.

### Local Statistics

In recent years, VFD has

responded to 3 hotel/motel fires in which a total of \$227,000 worth of fire damage was caused.



### Safety Tips

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.

- Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked.

### Always Remember

If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.

Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.

If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

### National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/property-type-and-vehicles/hotels-and-motels>

## No Matter Where You Go, Always Be Prepared for the Unexpected.

Did you know that the Valdosta Fire Department does have extinguisher training classes at no charge to our citizens. For more information about these classes, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835.

Although smoking contributed to a good number of hotel/motel fires, cooking is the leading cause of most hotel/motel fires.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email [valdostafire@valdostacity.com](mailto:valdostafire@valdostacity.com)

### Fire Safety Word Search

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ESCALATORHFBBINCDCOGDH  
DHCGVCYCBCJNNNDISTAIRS  
BBCBDCBELEVATORHBDCDIN  
HCDCBDCNCCDICNDNJCNW  
BHCFCGVCHECKINDMCKMDL  
DCCHCLEANUPDJCBBCBCSOP  
JNCNDSPRINKLERSJHCUINCN  
SNDKLCKLKNMOKEALARMS  
DCVGDVCEVEYBCCNOOIJ

### Fire Safety Quiz

1. Smoking started 10% of the fires reported in hotel/motel establishments.
  - A. True
  - B. False
2. If a fire occurs in a hotel/motel that you are staying in and cannot escape, you should \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Wet towels and stuff under the door
  - B. Turn off the fan and AC unit.
  - C. Call 911 and identify your location.
  - D. All of the above

Correct Answers: 1. A, 2. D



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