



# LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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## Look. Listen. Learn.

### Fire Safety:

October is Fire Prevention month and this year's theme is **Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire Can Happen Anywhere.**

**Look** - For places fire can happen and address the problems. Kitchens:

- Anything that can burn should be kept away from stovetops such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, etc.
- Cooking should never be left unattended.
- Pets are kept off countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the stovetop that could burn.

Heaters:

- Anything flammable should be kept at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Heating equipment and chimneys should be cleaned and inspected yearly by qualified technicians.
- Never leave portable heaters unattended.
- Proper fuel should be used in

fuel-burning equipment.

Electricity:

- All electrical work should be done by a qualified electrician.
- Only one heat producing appliance should be plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.



- Extension cords are only for temporary use.

**Listen** - Know the sound of the smoke alarm.

- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

- It is important to test smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms need to be replaced every ten years.

**Learn** - Two ways out of every room.

- Make a home escape plan with all family members.
- Practice home fire drills during day and night time hours.
- Share your home escape plan with guest.
- If you live in a multi-story dwelling, look into getting an escape ladder that can help you descend from higher floors.
- When you enter a building you should look for all available exits.
- Be prepared to use your closest exits. You may not be able to use the main exit.

### National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week/Educate>

### Solve the Fire Wuzzles

**WUZZLES** are word puzzles consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, sayings, etc.

For example, the solution to **NOON GOOD** is "Good afternoon" and **LINE READ LINE** is "Read between the lines."

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Answers to last month's wuzzles are make ends meet & afternoon nap.

### Fire Safety Quiz

- House fires only happen at night, so there is no reason to practice home fire drills during daytime hours.
  - True
  - False
- The \_\_\_ of October is Fire Prevention Day.
  - 11th
  - 2nd
  - 23th
  - 9th

Answers to last month's quiz are 1. B. & 2. A.

**"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."-Leonardo Da Vinci**

When people who are hard of hearing are asleep, an alert device that uses a loud, mixed, low-pitched sound can wake them. They may find a pillow or bed shaker helpful. These devices are triggered by the sound of the smoke alarm.

Check to make sure your exit door is not blocked or chained. If there are not at least two exits or if exit paths are blocked, report the violation to management of the building and leave immediately if not addressed.

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



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